

School Presentation Security Reminders

Since September 2006, there have been some very disturbing events happen at various schools across the country which are making many school systems return to heightened security. Here are a few points to remember when you are going to a school to make an Operation Lifesaver presentation.

1. The person who arranged your presentation, or yourself, should **call the day ahead** of time to make sure the school knows you are coming. Most schools have a list of guest speakers, visitors, etc. that you must be on the day prior to your visit.
2. **Always check in at the office.** Most schools will require you to wear a badge, pin, etc., so you will be identifiable as a "welcomed guest" at the school to both faculty and the students.
3. Always make sure you have a teacher, teacher's aide, or an **employed school staff person with you at all times** when you are giving your presentation to the students.
4. Please do not be offended if students or school staff stop you and ask why you are in their school. Many schools are teaching their students (and teachers) to be extra aware of people they do not recognize.

Your presentations are very valuable to students of all ages. Following the steps above will help ensure continued presentations in the school systems.