

# Field Safety Presentation

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# Introduction

- How to conduct safe and effective field investigation
- Presented by Chang K. Lee

# Topics of Discussion

- Preparing for field visits
- Being cautious but effective
- Being aware of your surroundings
- Things to avoid

# Preparing for field visits

- Plan your field visit route before leaving the office\*
- Do not change your attire to try to blend into a neighborhood\*
- Keep your supervisors informed of your visits\*\*

# Being cautious but effective

- When practical, plan your visits in the morning\*
- Think ahead. When you arrive at a residence, turn your car to face the direction you want to leave\*\*
- Always check out the residence or building before you enter\*
- Avoid wearing or carrying articles that look valuable\*

# Being aware of your surroundings

- Tailor your message to the site\*\*
- Be aware of stray animals in the neighborhood
- Act like you “belong”\*\*
- Do not linger in the area once you are done\*

# Things to avoid

- Avoid large groups or congregations\*
- Avoid arguments. Leave and come back later rather than incite someone to anger
- Avoid overly inquisitive individuals\*\*
- Avoid documenting your visits openly\*\*

# Is it safe?\*

- If it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't
- Common sense – Use it often as possible

# In conclusion

- Become familiar with the area you will be working in
- Make practice field visits to increase your comfort level and confidence
- Become more comfortable speaking with people from outside of your normal circle