

Basic Guidelines for LWSGI Team Members



As an LWSGI team member, you have demonstrated a deep desire to help youth; especially at-risk youth. In so doing, it is critical that you follow the basic guidelines as outlined below.

Guideline #1 – Representing Lives Worth Saving

Team members may only represent LWSGI in those activities and venues pre-approved by LWSGI.

Team members will be given additional training, instructions, and guidelines specific to the LWSGI event in which they are participating (e.g., Street Intervention, Prayer Journey).

Team members will participate in group activities as to act alone may put the team member's safety at risk and risk the integrity of LWSGI.

Team members understand the importance of the “chain of command” and have agreed to submit to the authority structure put into place by LWSGI.

Guideline #2 – Representing LWS in Public Settings

Team members may not represent LWSGI in any public settings (e.g., schools, car shows, outreaches) without prior approval from LWSGI.

Important! Acting without prior approval may place the team member's safety in jeopardy as well as opening the team member to false accusations.

Guideline #3 – Use of LWSGI Jackets

Team members may wear their “Lives Worth Saving” jackets only when participating in an approved LWSGI activity.

Street intervention workers will purchase a jacket when they go through the LWSGI street intervention training course.

Other LWSGI team members may be “loaned” a jacket by LWSGI for use at a specific event (e.g., community outreach). The jacket must be returned at the conclusion of the event.

Team members may not allow any non-LWS individuals (including youth) to wear their jacket.

Important! The “Lives Worth Saving” jackets are seen by members of the community as people who help to provide resources to that community. When a person is seen wearing a jacket who is not a team member, confusion can arise and integrity can be lost.

Guideline #4 – Interactions with the Business Community

Owners of businesses in the community may contact LWSGI requesting the LWSGI team makes itself known to their employees, as well as any gang members and/or drug dealers who loiter around the business.

Any introductions will be led by the LWSGI Program Coordinator or designated Team Leader. LWSGI team members should never go behind the counter of a business or assume they can help themselves to a business' goods (e.g., coffee, donuts).

Guideline #5 – Use of Proper Judgment

When witnessing an incident, unless there is an emergency necessitating immediate intervention to save a life, it is strongly recommend that you do not interfere and instead contact 9-1-1 when you are able to safely do so.

Important! Attempting to apprehend or restrain a gang member or intervening in a gang fight presents a hazard to your safety, especially when you are alone.