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'No Sweat' Speaker's Checklist

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Computer		
It is usually best to bring your own.		
If you must use a different one, load your presentation and confirm it works the way it should.		
Good idea to have a backup computer available.		
Computer connectors and adapters.		
Have a large variety including		
HDMI (High Definition Multimedia Interface)		
VGA (Video Graphics Array)		
DVI (Digital Video Interface)		
USB (Universal Serial Bus)		
Cable connectors.		
Cable adapters.		
Remote Control		
• One that controls:		
• Volume		
Forward and back.		
Making the screen go blank (black).		
Have an infrared pointer built in.		
 Has RF connectivity, i.e. doesn't need line of site to work and a range up to 100 feet. 		
• Extra batteries.		
Sound system;		
Microphone(s), yours and audience participation one(s)		
Speaker's mic: fixed, hand held, or lavaliere?		
Check for microphone feedback		
Extra battery if required		
Know where the on/off switch is		
For lavaliere and mounted microphones, if necessary, adjust the distance from your mouth for highest quality.		
Audio Speakers		
Amplifier and controls working		
Consider bringing your own blue tooth or other type of speaker.		
Lighting		
Lighting on you		
Audience lighting.		
Ability to lower and turn off.		
Lighting on your notes.		
Lighting on props.		

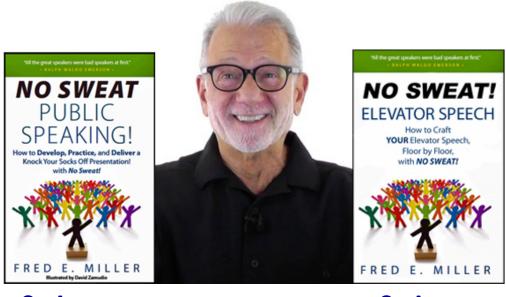
Distracting noise from
Outside; parking lot, street, air (could be need an airport)
Other meetings and adjoining rooms
• Hallway
• Kitchen
Server wait stations
Backstage
Visual
• Props
Must be easily accessed and easy to put away after used
Powerpoint presentations
Computer and backup plan
Mouse and transmitter (if wireless)
• Test the settings on the computer to see that the projection screen gives the resolution needed before the presentation.
Projector and backup plan (spare bulb)
Projection screen; fixed or powered
Know how to make it go up and down.
Large screen LED
Know how connect computer.
TV remote might be needed to adjust volume and picking "Source."
Adjust setting on computer for "Presenter's View."
 This is where the speaker can see the slide the audience is viewing and the next one along with notes and time.
 If you've customized your slideshow, double check you bring the correct one and not one customized for another presentation.
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Backup plans.
"Stuff" happens!
Have presentation backed up on a flash drive and in the cloud.
If done in PPT, have backed up in PDF files, also.
If done in Keynote, have backed up in PDF files and in PPT.
Backup plan if can't be delivered.
• Have notes, printed in large type, and print presentation slides in light table mode (Keynote) or slide sorter (PPT).
Another backup plan could be a video of you delivering the talk.
Miscellaneous parts and equipment.
Power strip; have your own.
Electrical adapters.
Extension cord.
Room where presentation will be
Check temperature and ability to adjust easily

	Too warm or too cool can be a distraction.
•	Location of rest rooms (further away requires a longer break)
•	Doors that access the room (sometimes there may be doors that directly exit the building)
•	Where are water fountains and refreshments available?
•	If there are scheduled breaks, when are they and what are their lengths?
•	Fire exits.
•	Seating; classroom, semicircle or ?
	• If not what you want or specified, can it be rearranged?
•	Pillars and/or other things (audio visual stands) that could block audience seeing you and vice-versa
•	Backdrop; what is behind you and could it be a distraction
•	Windows
	 Can they be closed and curtains drawn over them to keep light out?
Personal	
• 7	Water for yourself (room temperature – suggestion: bring your own bottle, with a lid on it and at room temperature.
•	Place to put change, keys and other items you might carry
•	Location of rest room for last minute mirror check
•	Copy of your presentation
	Completely printed presentation in case someone else has to deliver it.
	 Having all slides printed in Slide Sorter (PPT) or Light Table (Keynote) view.
•	Name tag for yourself.
	• Take off during presentation because it is "clutter" and a distraction.
•	Name tags for attendees (if the meeting planner didn't take care of this)
	Black Sharpie for printing on the Name Tags
•	Business cards
•	Copy <u>Introduction</u> emcee will be using to introduce you
•	Copy of After-Duction emcee will be using to introduce you
Have a 'P	lan B'if
	If the emcee doesn't ask everyone to put their cell phones and pagers on 'STUN'
	 Probably best you ask them to turn them off. Audience members looking at emails and text messages can be very distracting to you <i>and</i> others in the audience.
•	All the speakers don't show, and your speech is moved up in time
	A speaker goes over their allotted time and you must cut the time of your talk
	The demographics of the audience were't quite what you thought they would be
	Parts of your presentation may now be inappropriate
Be certain	to
•	Know who is speaking before you and what their talk will be about
•	Know who is speaking after you and what their talk will be about
٠	If you're going to have handouts (advised only if used as a workbook) be sure you have enough copies and people to distribute them.
Other thir	ngs to know
•	Who to call for immediate help if something goes wrong and how to get ahold of them
•	Possible attendees who should be recognized from the platform

• Where, in relation to the presentation room, is the parking.
It may be necessary to unload before parking.
 Will directional signs be needed in the parking lot and building?
 What, if any other programs are scheduled at the same venue and time of your presentation?
 Will there be any potential conflicts you should address?
Miscellaneous
 Square (or other brand) Credit Card Reader for accepting credit card purchases and someone to help with this.
Be certain the latest version is on your phone or tablet.
Double check the device is fully charged.

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