# The SOS Agency

# Why Do I Need 2 Interpreters?

#### Four hands are better than two!

While it might seem cost-effective or simpler to request only one interpreter, the risks and potential downsides far outweigh the benefits.

Just as other highstakes professions rely on teamwork to avoid fatigue and maintain excellence, so too should interpreting assignments.

Understanding and respecting these needs will lead to more successful and effective outcomes for all parties involved.

The SOS Agency uses teams in order to provide the highest level of interpreting services, while also protecting the occupational safety of our interpreters.

## **Team Interpreting**

- Increases stamina mentally and physically
- Provides immediate and continuous support
- Minimizes omissions or mistakes
- Provides accountability for clients' services
- Maintains accuracy and quality

**Examples:** 

Concert/Play
Higher Education
Graduation
Press Release
Court Hearing
Trainings/Workshops

### Teaming in Other Professions

- Pilots
- Health professionals
- Emergency responders
- Sports
- Construction

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