



Virtual Drowning Prevention Symposium

Monday, September 13, 2021 (Day 1)

Day 1 of the Drowning Prevention Symposium is focused on collaboration and sharing. While drowning is a national problem, the best prevention efforts are done locally. Sharing is an important and can lead towards better prevention efforts. Learn from other attendees, share what is happening in your community and state, and hear a report from the entire nation.

Pre-Day Event: Morning Networking: 11:00am-12:00pm ET

Start Day 1 of the Drowning Prevention Symposium off right by joining other attendees for our morning networking session.

**Welcome & Daily Welcome
(12:00pm-12:30pm ET)**

Join us as we welcome all attendees to the 2021 Drowning Prevention Symposium, presented by the NDPA.

**Why Local Efforts Matter & What Can Be Accomplished
(12:30pm-1:30pm ET)**

Drownings are prevented locally. Join us for an expert discussion on why local drowning prevention and water safety efforts are important, what they can accomplish, and where to start.

**Regional Networking
(1:30pm-2:30pm ET)**

Join us for a structured networking event designed to connect you with other attendees and passionate water safety advocates from your home region of the country. During this session you will be asked to share who you are, what you do, and what drowning prevention efforts are happening in your local region and/or state. Learn what others are doing and how you can work together.

**National Call Out
(2:45pm-3:30pm ET)**

After you've networked with others from your home region, it is now time to share what you've learned. This session is uniquely designed to highlight drowning prevention and water safety efforts from around the country. Join us as we hear from representatives from each region around the country and learn what water safety efforts you can take home with you!

**Water Safety Town Hall: The Impacts of COVID-19
(3:30pm-4:30pm ET)**

COVID-19 disrupted the entire world, and water safety is no exception. Join us for an NDPA “Water Safety Town Hall” as we discuss the impact COVID-19 has had on drowning prevention efforts, new challenges the pandemic has presented, and what we’ve learned and are still learning. Be ready to share your experiences and recovery stories!

**The United States National Water Safety Action Plan Update
(4:30pm-5:00pm ET)**

Join us for an update on the development of the U.S. National Water Safety Action Plan. Learn about the development process, expected outcomes, how you can participate, and what the launch of the plan will mean in mid-2022.

Virtual Networking: 5:00pm-6:00pm ET



**Virtual Drowning Prevention Symposium
*Tuesday, September 14, 2021 (Day 2)***

Day 2 of the Drowning Prevention Symposium is focused on diving deep on 6 major water safety topics. Hear from experts, advocates, researchers, and rescuers as they discuss each topic in-depth. Take part in the discussion by asking your questions and sharing your work!

Pre Day-Event: Morning Networking: 11:00am-12:00pm ET

Start Day 2 of the Drowning Prevention Symposium off right by joining other attendees for our morning networking session.

Daily Welcome: 12:00pm-12:15pm ET

Join us as we welcome all attendees to the 2021 Drowning Prevention Symposium, presented by the NDPA.

**Topic 1: Messaging & Marketing: Is Our Message Getting Through?
(12:15pm-1:00pm)**

We all know marketing and messaging are important, but are our messages really reaching the intended audiences? Join us for this important discussion, share your experiences, and learn from experts in marketing about how we can strengthen our messages.

**Topic 2: Federal & State Legislation – What can we do to get laws passed?
(1:00pm-1:45pm ET)**

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act of 2008 is the only federal water safety legislation in history. There have long been calls for addressing and advancing water safety through federal action, yet limited progress has been made. Many have turned towards advocating for state level legislation to enhance water safety. Hear from experts about what can be accomplished through legislation, what progress has been made, and how you can help.

**Topic 3: Drowning Data & The Research Agenda: What we need to know...
(2:00pm-2:45pm ET)**

As part of the 2014 Global Drowning Report from the World Health Organization, action steps were laid out to address drowning worldwide. One of the actions steps was to address priority research questions. Join us for a discussion on research and data collection in water safety and drowning prevention.

**Topic 4: Standards, Codes, & Technology: Creating a safer & smarter environment...
(2:45pm-3:30pm ET)**

Using layers of protection to address drowning is an important safety approach. As part of this session, learn about the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA) and how it requires physical layers of protection where the code has been adopted. Also learn about new drowning prevention technology that adds new layers of protection to enhance safety in residential and commercial aquatic settings.

**Topic 5: Advocating for Change: Families United to Prevent Drowning
(3:30pm-4:15pm ET)**

Hear from members of Families United to Prevent Drowning. During this session you will learn more about the collective's work and how you can work with them. Get your questions answered and join in on the discussion.

**Topic 6: Open Water Drownings – Addressing teenagers & adults
(4:15pm-5:00pm ET)**

Teenagers and adults are most at risk in open water settings. However, there is limited focus on these populations and open water settings. Join us for a discussion on how we can impact these staggering statistics.

Closing Remarks: 5:00pm – 5:15pm

Join the leadership of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance for our closing session of the inaugural Drowning Prevent Symposium and learn about the 2022 National Water Safety Conference.