CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Abstract Guidelines & Submission Form

The Safe States Alliance will host its 2017 Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center in Aurora, Colorado from September 12-14, 2017.

As professionals in the public health field, we understand that strong cross-sector collaboration is not merely advantageous, but a necessity. This year's Annual Meeting will explore how to strengthen existing connections in order to elevate injury and violence prevention efforts. We will explore and discover innovative ways to use partnerships and affiliates to benefit the individuals we serve, as well as honor the diversity and unity of our field.

All information related to the Call for Abstracts is available on the Safe States Alliance website: [http://www.safestates.org/2017AMAbstracts](http://www.safestates.org/2017AMAbstracts)

To submit an abstract, authors should create an account and follow the online instructions at: [http://proposalspace.com/calls/d/729](http://proposalspace.com/calls/d/729)

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- The 2017 Annual Meeting “Call for Abstracts” will open on Monday, April 3, 2017, and close on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST.

- Authors are invited to submit abstracts for consideration related to both original research and program activities that focus on all aspects of injury and violence prevention relating to the conference theme of “Climbing to Great Heights”. The abstract should note if the project findings challenge or shift current research or public health practice, and describe any innovative approaches, concepts, or methodologies utilized.

- Abstracts are limited to 350 words. The four (4) required topic headings are:
  1. Statement of Purpose
  2. Methods/Approach
  3. Results
  4. Conclusions & Significance to the field
Abstracts will be blindly reviewed by multiple reviewers from the Safe States Alliance and selected by members of the 2017 Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

The abstract (including data or a resultant paper) must not have been published in a peer-reviewed journal or presented at any other national or international meeting.

*Exceptions may be made where abstracts present new methods, new findings, updated information, or other valid reasons that can be provided by the author(s). Please email info@safestates.org for more information.

Abstracts must be submitted free of typographical or other errors. Changes or corrections will not be accepted after the abstract deadline. (If English is not your first language or you do not regularly use English, we recommend that you have your abstract reviewed by a native speaker prior to submission.)

Presentation Format Options: Abstract authors may submit abstracts for consideration as a short oral presentation, an extended oral presentation, learning lab/training session, or poster. Authors are asked to indicate their preferred presentation format. Please note, however, that the Annual Meeting Planning Committee reserves the right to make the final decision on the presentation format of accepted abstracts.

Descriptions of presentation format options are listed below:

1. **Short Oral Presentation**: A brief oral presentation (15 minutes) made by the abstract author or designee. Three to four short oral presentations will be selected to fill a panel session organized around a specific topic or theme. *(Total session time: 1.25 hours)*

2. **Extended Oral Presentation**: A session presentation featuring one (1) abstract that is designed to provide attendees with an in-depth discussion and/or interactive experience related to a specific topic or theme. The session may be conducted and facilitated by one presenter or a group of presenters. *(Total session time: 1.25 hours)*

3. **Learning Lab/Training Session**: An extended session featuring one (1) abstract designed to provide attendees with a structured and detailed training experience to enhance specific skills related to the Core Competencies for Injury & Violence Prevention. *(Total session time: 2.5 hours)*

4. **Poster**: Visual presentations of innovative and current findings related to a specific topic, program, research findings, and/or intervention. Presenters can illustrate their findings by displaying graphs, photographs, diagrams, and limited text on poster boards. *(Posters will be presented during a Poster Showcase and will remain on display for the duration of the Annual Meeting.)*

Abstract Notification and Commitment to Present: Abstract acceptance notifications will be sent by email to the first author listed in June 2017. *If accepted for presentation, the presenting
author agrees to present his or her abstract at the 2017 Annual Meeting. The presenting author must register to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting by **Wednesday, August 23, 2017** or risk having his or her abstract withdrawn. Presenters are responsible for all expenses related to attending the meeting, including transportation, registration fees, lodging, and meals.
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Please note: Submissions should be completed online. This form is provided to assist you in preparing the necessary information prior to completing your online submission.

1. **Title:** Enter the full title of the abstract.
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2. **Learning Objectives:** List no more than three objectives.
   In this session, participants will:
   _1.__________________________________________________________________________
   _2.__________________________________________________________________________
   _3.__________________________________________________________________________

3. **Abstract Text:** Enter the text of your abstract. (350 words maximum)

   **NOTE:** There are four required topic headings:
   - Statement of Purpose
   - Methods/Approach
   - Results
   - Conclusions & Significance to the Field

4. **Abstract Type:** Select the option that best describes your abstract. (Select one)
   □ Practice
   □ Research

□ Check this box if you do NOT want your abstract and/or presentation published on the Safe States Alliance website.
5. **Session for New Injury and Violence Prevention Staff:** Would you recommend this session for a person new to the injury and violence prevention field? *(Those indicating “yes” will be referenced in the program for new members and first-time meeting attendees.)*
   - Yes
   - No

6. **Cross-Cutting Topic Areas:** Select up to three cross-cutting topic areas that best describe your abstract.
   - Cost of Injury
   - Emerging Areas
   - Epidemiology/Surveillance
   - Evaluation
   - Global Injury
   - Health Communication
   - Program Practice (Design or Implementation)
   - Partnerships for Prevention (Integration, Multi-Disciplinary Approaches, etc)
   - Policy
   - Research (Academic, Applied, Translational, etc)
   - Other (please describe):

7. **Injury-Specific Topic Areas:** Select up to three injury-specific topic areas that best describe your abstract.
   - Acute/Trauma Care
   - Alcohol-related Injury
   - Assault & Homicide
   - Bullying
   - Child Maltreatment
   - Community Violence
   - Disaster Response
   - Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence (including Teen Dating Violence)
   - Drowning
   - Falls
   - Fire Safety
   - Motor Vehicle Safety
   - Occupational Injury
   - Pedestrian & Bike Safety
   - Poisoning
   - Prescription Drug Overdose
8. **Preferred Presentation Format:** Please select your *preferred* presentation format. (Select one)
   - Short Oral Presentation
   - Extended Oral Presentation
   - Learning Lab/Training Session
   - Poster

9. **Authors/Presenters:**
   (NOTE: If accepted, the first author listed will be considered the presenter of the abstract unless otherwise designated.)

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10. **AV Needs:** Each session room will be equipped with an LCD projector for PowerPoint slides and a PC. Please indicate any additional A/V needs you may have.
   - Flip charts
   - Audio speakers
   - Internet access
   - Other (Please specify): ________________________

11. **Presenter Biography:** Enter a biographical description of the abstract presenter(s) written in the third person (150 words maximum). Please begin the biography with the presenter’s prefix and name (e.g., Dr. Jane Doe).

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12. Would you like your abstract considered for the “Innovative Initiative of the Year” award?
   □ Yes (please complete the next two questions)
   □ No

12a. What characteristics make this entry innovative, creative, or unique? i.e., does the initiative’s approach differ from common or well-known programs or activities? If so, how? Were any unique partnerships or collaborations developed as a part of the initiative? Would you or those you know be encouraged to replicate this initiative?

12b. What barriers or obstacles did the organization have to overcome to make this initiative possible, and what was your innovative approach to addressing these challenges or barriers?