

## 2022 NSC Safety Congress & Expo Topical Submission Guide

In addition to maturity model guidance, in reviewing data on average attendance per track and examining the sessions that have made up each educational track, some notable changes have been adopted:

1. Educational tracks are now largely aligned with factors of organizational maturity which are also more closely aligned with ISO 45001 and ANSI Z10 definitions of safety management systems as well as Campbell Award criteria for EHS excellence.
  - a. Established in 2004, the international Robert W. Campbell Award recognizes organizations that achieve excellence through the integration of environmental, health and safety management into business operations. In an effort to foster the sharing of leading-edge EHS knowledge and best practices worldwide, Campbell Award winners and other thought leaders collaborated to create what is now the Campbell Institute. The Campbell Institute, at the National Safety Council, is the center of EHS Excellence.
2. Topics that made up NSC Divisional affiliations' tracks (notably Construction/Labor/Utilities and Young Professionals) have been absorbed into the Regulatory Compliance & Technical Topics and Safety Practitioner Competency & Professional Development tracks, as well as other tracks.
3. Rather than having tracks specific to Emerging Issues, Research to Practice, and Technology, which could contain sessions on any topic, instead, submissions related to these have been encouraged through the Call for Papers splash page. We are encouraging submissions that "provide information and/or guidance that is evidence-based" and "illustrate the use of technology to mitigate specific risks". There is also an assumption that people will submit topics on emerging issues to improve their chances of acceptance and do not want to attempt to define those more explicitly. Submissions having these characteristics are preferred and will flow into the new tracks so that any of the tracks could contain technology advancements, research, or topics on emerging issues.
4. New tracks include "Contractor & Supply Chain Management", "Environmental & Sustainability", "Health & Wellbeing", "Safety Practitioner Competency & Professional Development", and "Workforce Communication & Empowerment". These either align closely with characterizations of safety management systems or have increasingly become part of a safety practitioners' responsibilities within their organizations, necessitating their own tracks.

Below is a list of topical tracks and subject matter that the NSC 2022 Safety Congress & Expo Selection Committee requests you consider when determining your submission. These are subjects NSC is interested in including for this year's programming of technical and professional development sessions. You are free to submit on any topic, but you may use this as a guide.

- Contractor & Supply Chain Management (NEW)
- Environmental & Sustainability (NEW)
  - Corporate responsibility strategy
  - Environmental stewardship
  - Controlling exposures to the public
- Hazard Recognition & Risk Management (Formerly Risk Reduction, Management)
  - Serious injury & fatality prevention
  - Risk assessment
  - Emergency response planning & incident command management
  - Enterprise risk management

- Prevention through design
- Health & Wellbeing (NEW)
  - Medical record & surveillance
  - Injury/illness & return to work case management
  - Mental health
  - Impairment (i.e., substance use, fatigue)
  - Workplace wellbeing (i.e., psychological safety; diversity, equity & inclusion)
  - Off-the-job safety
- Operational Processes (Formerly part of Operational/Technical/Regulatory)
  - Observation programs
  - Inspection & maintenance
  - Industrial hygiene
  - Work permitting
  - Management of change
- Organizational Leadership (Formerly Executive Edge)
  - Integration of EHS with business processes
  - Program review
  - Resource allocation
- Regulatory Compliance & Technical Topics (Formerly part of Operational/Technical/Regulatory)
  - Approaches to compliance
  - Electrical safety
  - Ergonomics
  - Fall protection
  - Fire protection/prevention
  - Guarding/Lockout-Tagout/Confined Space
  - Hazardous material handling/communication
  - Personal protective equipment
- Roadway Safety (Formerly Fleet Driver and Transportation Safety)
  - Work zone safety best practices
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Motor vehicle safety training program
  - Legal environment related to fleet (i.e., nuclear verdicts)
  - Vehicle selection
    - CAV
    - Electric Vehicles
    - ADAS
  - Effective use of telematics
  - Fleet safety best practices
  - Cognitive distraction
- Safety Information & Performance Improvement (Formerly Safety Performance Improvement)
  - Recordkeeping
  - Incident investigation & root cause analysis
  - Best practice documentation & benchmarking
  - Assessments & audits
  - Measurement
- Safety Management Systems (same)
  - ISO 45001 or ANSI Z10
  - Design & implementation

- Safety Practitioner Competency & Career Development (Formerly part of Young Professionals)
  - Soft skills
  - Diversity, equity & inclusion
  - EHS talent management & mentorship
  - Insurance & risk transfer
  - Business case for safety
- Training & Competency Development (Formerly Training)
  - Orientation & training
  - Talent management & succession planning
  - Trends in safety training
- Workforce Communication & Empowerment (NEW)
  - Workforce participation & engagement
  - Safety teams and committees
  - Recognition programs
  - Capturing employee perceptions

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