

NOVEMBER 2026 • CONNECTING THE PRODUCT SAFETY COMMUNITY

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A monthly update on ICPHSO programs, partnerships, product safety developments, and opportunities to connect with the global product safety community.

NOVEMBER 10 WEBINAR (Open to All)
The Product Safety Hot List—10 Topics You Can't Ignore
10:00–11:00 a.m. EST
Presenters: Sarah-Jane Dobson; Cheryl Falvey; Lindsay Lorimer; Julie Park; Ewa Rutkowska
Moderator: David Kosnoff
Register Here

NOVEMBER 18 WEBINAR (Open to All)
CPSC eFiling After Launch: Updates, Common Errors, and Practical Guidance
10:00–11:30 a.m. EST
Presenter: Stephen Lee • Moderator: Chris Harvey
Register and Submit Questions

2027 ANNUAL MEETING & TRAINING SYMPOSIUM – ARLINGTON, VA

Symposium information and registration

ICPHSO's 34th Annual Meeting & Training Symposium will take place **February 22–25, 2027**, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. The theme, "From Divided to United: Celebrating Continued and Expanded Collaboration in the Name of Consumer Product Safety," reflects the value of bringing the product safety community together across sectors and borders.

- Planning is advancing across program development, sponsorship, exhibitor outreach, and attendee engagement. Registration is underway, and members can take advantage of the early registration rate through December 31, 2026. Nonmembers can register at any time.
- Hotel reservations are now open, along with sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities.
- Proposal acceptance letters are expected the week of **November 9, 2026.** The program will include expanded foundational product safety training, enhancements to the Student Mentorship and Buddy Programs, and a First-Time Attendee Luncheon.
- An OAS Consumer Safety and Health Network session is planned for the morning of February 22, bringing regulators and officials from Latin America together for regional updates and discussion.
- Several off-site activities are being planned, including Dine Arounds and a Monument Tour.

2027 HONG KONG PRODUCT SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP

ICPHSO is planning a one-day Product Safety Training Workshop in Hong Kong on **April 21, 2027**. Initial outreach and planning discussions are underway, with a focus on developing a program relevant to the regional product safety community, identifying potential speakers and partners, and coordinating venue and local support. Additional details will be shared as planning progresses.

ICPHSO–PRODUCT SAFETY LETTER COLLABORATION

ICPHSO's six-month pilot collaboration with Product Safety Letter (PSL), running from **September 2026 through February 2027**, is providing the product safety community with access to selected PSL news and analysis. Issue 2 was shared on October 20. ICPHSO members may also take advantage of special subscription rates offered during the pilot. The collaboration is intended to expand access to timely product safety developments and strengthen information-sharing across the community.

Read about the ICPHSO–PSL collaboration

UPCOMING RECALL WORKSHOP

November 5, 2026 – NHTSA Recall Workshop, Washington, D.C. ICPHSO President Chris Harvey will participate on a panel on behalf of ICPHSO.

View the NHTSA Recall Workshop Program

ICPHSO RESOURCES – AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

- ICPHSO Merchandise Store: Explore ICPHSO-branded apparel and promotional items. International shipping is available. Proceeds help support ICPHSO educational programs, scholarships, and other initiatives.

Visit the ICPHSO Merchandise Store

- Product Safety Job Center: The online Career Center connects employers with product safety professionals and provides job seekers with no-cost access to search and apply for opportunities. Members receive discounted job-posting rates.

Visit the Product Safety Job Center

During the 2027 Annual Symposium, former President Carol Pollack Nelson will again coordinate an on-site job matching program for members seeking to recruit product safety professionals or explore employment opportunities. For more information, contact Carol at pollacknel@comcast.net.

- Design Safety Toolkit: ICPHSO makes its Design Safety Toolkit available at no cost to everyone in the product safety community. It offers practical guidance for integrating safety considerations into product design and development, including user needs, safe use, age-related factors, and consumer behavior.

Access the free Design Safety Toolkit

STAY CONNECTED

In addition to updates shared through ICPHSO's social media channels, we provide email communications featuring upcoming conferences, events, membership opportunities, career development resources, and sponsor-supported product safety insights.

Sign up for ICPHSO email updates

ICPHSO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

ICPHSO's scholarship programs help ensure that stakeholders can participate in our conferences regardless of their resources. The three programs include:

- Student Mentorship Program: Takes place during the Annual and International Symposium. Developed in conjunction with Amazon, the program helps bridge the gap between future product safety professionals and existing officials.
- General Scholarship Program: Assists underrepresented stakeholder groups, including consumers, public interest groups, academia, researchers, injury prevention professionals, local, state, and international regulators, small or start-up businesses, and recently unemployed professionals.
- David Schmeltzer Founder Scholarship Fund: Established to memorialize David Schmeltzer's more than 50 years of leadership and service as a founding member of ICPHSO and his contributions to the global product safety community.

ICPHSO accepts scholarship contributions throughout the year. Contributions support recipients attending ICPHSO conferences and may help cover associated conference attendee costs. For more information, contact info@icphso.org.

Learn more about supporting the scholarship programs

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPLICATIONS OPEN

ICPHSO is seeking applications from members interested in contributing their leadership skills to the organization. New Board terms begin on March 16, 2027, for an initial three-year term. Applications are being accepted through November 18, 2026.

Board of Directors application information

SUPPORT ICPHSO

As a nonprofit global organization bringing product safety stakeholders together at in-person conferences and specialized webinars each year, ICPHSO relies on the generous support of members, conference attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors. Sponsorships are available at various levels for each conference and help defray conference costs, including registration rates. Sponsors and exhibitors demonstrate their commitment to product safety and help support ICPHSO's work.

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To learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Dana Groves at dgroves@icphso.org.