



2018 Event Safety Summit Sessions

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Designing for Safety

What's this all about? I am not a designer! In this introductory session will set the stage for the next three days as we explore a broader definition of design that includes physical objects, procedures, systems, checklists, schedules, activities, and training, and how all of that relates to creating and running safer events.

Exhausted, Under Pressure, and Out of Time

An alternative name for the live event industry could be the "Managed Stress Industry." Every conversation about event safety should include the concept of "stressors." We will examine the effects of stress on health and decision making, the stress response around hostile work environments, and some ideas on how to effect change.

Living in Yellow

Like physical fitness, safety knowledge is neither automatic nor permanent. Intentional awareness of risks and responsibilities is key to working as a safe professional. Learn why "living in yellow" is crucial to recognizing hazards and controls that can have grave consequences if overlooked.

Working by the Book

Once you have learned, through on-the-job training, to recognize safety hazards, you must be sure your safety plans comply with applicable written authority. Laws and regulations are legally binding, codes and treatises can be persuasive guidance regarding safe industry practices. This session will explain the difference, including why there is no such thing as a single "best practice," and help you determine what safety rules you need to know when you return to work.

Gravity Bites: Rigging Safety for Managers

Rigging can be a difficult and dangerous job. Managers who are enlightened about the challenges facing today's riggers can help. This session will empower operational leaders to speak knowledgeably about risk and safety when talking with their rigging team, a manager's duties regarding rigging safety, and practical strategies to make your audience and workforce safer.

Wrestling with the Law

Using court decisions from the typically protracted litigation following the 2012 Aurora movie theater shooting, ESA's vice president and attorney will lead the group through an interactive exercise to demystify legal terms you should know and offer insight into how lawsuits in the event industry get resolved. By teaching you how the process actually functions, you will be better equipped to avoid legal problems in your daily work.

Breaking & Entering: Safety as a Core Value

The event industry's future growth relies on greater contributions from creative and ambitious young professionals. This session focuses on what barriers to entry persist, how young people have found their own path, and what it takes to rise even while talking about risk and safety.

What's Throng with this Situation?

In order to safely manage the people attending an event, one should consider the mindset of that particular crowd for that particular show. In this workshop, we will demystify some basic human psychology terms and explore how the people, environment, and policies at an event all contribute to how the crowd is likely to behave.

Hotwash!

There is an old saying, "No plan survives first contact with the enemy." Because even a comprehensive event plan only provides a foundation from which to make specific decisions in real time that cannot be addressed in advance, it is essential to review the event afterwards and learn from what actually happened. This session will discuss after-action reporting and its importance for capturing teachable moments that can be built into future event plans.

?Medic!

The medical and health issues that can arise during an event are as varied as the colors of the rainbow. Workplace injuries, fights, aggressive crowd behavior, alcohol, drugs, heat, dehydration, all present challenges, some more foreseeable than others depending on the event, crowd demographic, time of year, location, and as many other factors as a creative person can conceive. This session will take a broad view of first aid, event medicine, harm reduction, and health and safety education for people both front and back of house.

Resilient Teams

How do you build resilient teams? Join us as we expand on the conversation about stress and stressors. We will examine how to build individual and group resilience when the unexpected happens or when stressors cannot be avoided.

Built on wishes and dreams: Where creativity and engineering meet

Being an engineer is often like being a detective. A good engineer gives life to creative intent, uncovers the hidden dangers in your wishes and dreams, and wrestles them into a state of equilibrium. Join us for a hands-on exploration of how an engineer turns a designer's vision into the audience's reality.

Annoying Acronyms: Demystifying Event Safety Management Plans

Production. Crowds. Concessions. Insurance. The number of things that must be taken into account when planning an event can be enormous. This session will offer suggestions how to turn this random collection of considerations and actions into a cohesive and effective blueprint for safety.

Left Hanging: Fall Rescue Planning

What do you do if someone falls and becomes suspended from the grid? Calling 911 is not a rescue plan. Would you know how to get them down safely? A rescue plan helps everyone understand what to do and when to do it ... when someone's life is literally on the line.

Exceptional Circumstances

Policies: Check.

Standard Operating Procedures: Check.

Regular Risk Assessment: Check.

Compliance:...Possible.

Join us for a mentoring session as we fine tune "what could go wrong" with practical exercises & solutions.

On the Road Again: Touring Production Safety Group

You asked and we listened. Take this opportunity to get specific about the unique safety concerns you face every day. Join a guided conversation with your peers to explore the realities that confront you and your teams as you move from city to city in an environment where time is tight and sleep is at a premium.

Mud Baths and Mosh Pits: Festival Production Safety Group

Mudbaths and mosh pits are common images of what happens at (and is wrong with) outdoor events and festivals. The reality is more nuanced and less snarky. Join a guided conversation with your peers as you explore the realities that face you and your teams every day

Your Show, Our House: Venue Safety Group

How many times have you had a touring production tell you how to run your facility, or try to ignore your policies? This session offers a safe place to discuss the unique safety challenges that facilities face as they host events with their own creative vision and their own ideas of what constitutes safe event practices.

Sales, Suits, and Safety: Corporate Event Safety Group

Corporate events present challenges that are unique in the live event world. Every show is high profile; every installation is different. Creative thinking is encouraged, subject to the home office's appetite for adventure and its close attention to the bottom line. e Join this guided conversation exploring the safety and operational challenges that arise when producing corporate events.

Sunny with a Chance of Lightning

Blow, winds and crack your cheeks! Rage! Blow! You cataracts and hurricanoes, spout Till you have drenched our steeples and drowned the clocks!

Shakespeare got it, long before our current access to accurate weather forecasts. Alas, the best weather app still does not someone a meteorologist. This session will explain the significant differences between professional meteorology and the pretty colors and squiggly lines on an app, and argue that an event professional should not play amateur weatherman.

Who's in Charge Here?

For the fire marshals and other public safety officials who serve as the Authority Having Jurisdiction at our events, a key question is how to explain their safety concerns to the well-meaning creative misfits who essentially ran away to join the circus. Show people, in turn, wonder why AHJs always seem to say no to their most fun ideas. In this session, we will peer over the fence to see how the other half lives, why they care about what they do, and how AHJs and event professionals can work cooperatively to put on safe shows.

The Bright Future: Shaping the 2019 Event Safety Summit

Help shape the future of the Event Safety Summit program.