

Abstract submission guidance document

The call for abstracts for the National Water Safety Conference 2026 is now open. The conference will provide delegates an excellent opportunity to amplify their work and how it ties into the new UK Drowning Prevention strategy and/or the regional strategies.

We are currently accepting abstracts, from across the UK, in four functional areas:

- **Evidence and data**
- **Education**
- **Communication**
- **Policy**

A presentation or poster can be chosen. Presentations will last around 15 minutes each.

Please note that you can submit a **maximum of 2 abstracts** for consideration.

Each abstract must be submitted separately.

You may co-author a presentation or poster; however, only one designated presenter will be allowed to present at the conference.

You are invited to submit your abstract by using the form [here](#).

Abstracts will only be considered if they meet the following criteria:

- Maximum of 250 words covering the following:
 - Introduction
 - Aims and objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
 - References
- Submitted before the abstract submission deadline date.

If your abstract does not meet the above criteria, it will not be accepted.

In the interest of fairness, all abstracts will be blind reviewed.

If accepted, you will be allocated a timeslot for an oral presentation or poster. Abstracts will be chosen based on interest and to produce a balanced and fair conference programme.

All abstracts must be submitted by **5pm on March 31, 2026**.

All corresponding authors will be contacted by the **May 1, 2026** to confirm acceptance.

When a submission is accepted, authors must register for attendance and pay the speaker fee by the **July 30, 2026**, to enable them to present at the conference.



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Co-presentations – please note that the first named author confirms on behalf of the co-authors that the abstract is their own original work, is not defamatory or unlawful, does not infringe anyone else's rights and that they have obtained any necessary permissions.