



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE
ASSP Region VIII • New England Area
October 27th & 28th, 2026
Sheraton Nashua

28th ANNUAL
NEW ENGLAND AREA
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 27th – DAY 1

7:00 AM	REGISTRATION • Ashwood Court		
7:00 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST • NETWORKING • Wentworth		
Room	North Ballroom		
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM PDC Opening	Opening Remarks Jim Fraser, CSP, CPP; Daren Canfield, CSP, Shaundree Davis, CSP, CIH, REHS; RVP Region VIII		
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM General Session I	Leading Humans Safely Through the AI & Robotic Revolution Michael "Miki" Alroy, STS		
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	EXHIBITION GRAND OPENING • BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Breakout Sessions I	Gabriel House: Anatomy of a Tragedy James Burke, CSP, CHMM, ARM	Not All Recordable Injuries Are Equal: Prioritizing High-Risk Work to Prevent SIF Dina Johannemann, GSP	Managing Contractors for Safety at Your Facility Laura Bonk, MS, MBA, CSP
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Breakout Session II	From Reactive to Proactive: Embedding On-site Injury Prevention to Reduce Risk, Cost, and Lost Time Shelby Pocius, ATC CEAS III	Understanding Occupational Exposure Limits Kristin Garland, CIH	Wrap Up Insurance Programs & Integration with Construction Best Safety Practices Tim Bergeron, CSP, CRIS
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	HOT BUFFET LUNCH • 50/50 RAFFLE • Wentworth		
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Breakout Session III	Promoting Workplace Safety on a No-Frills Budget! Emily Boltz, MPH, CSP, CHSP Laura Walker, MSN, RN, CSP	Ergonomics, It's Not Just Science Don Olesen, P.E., CSP, MBA	The Control of Hazardous Energy When Handling Hazardous Materials Adam Henson, MS, CSP, CFPS
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Breakout Session IV	Volunteering & Giving Back to Community & Profession: Safety for Nonprofits (S4NP) David Crowley, CSP Retired Kathleen Donndelinger, CSP, ARM	Fatality Prediction: Recognizing Your Hidden Factors Peter Susca, M.S.	Blowing the Lid: The Timebombs Lurking in Your Chemical Inventory Corey Martin, M.S.
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
4:45 PM – 5:45 PM Breakout Session V	Leadership: How It Continues To Change Brian Grossguth	Basic Occupational Biosafety for Safety Pros: Mold, Bacteria, Viruses and Pollen Explained Stephen Larson, CIH, CSP, RRPT	Employing The CIRCLE Method for Continuous Improvement of Unsafe Conditions Richard Flynt, CSP, CIT
6:00 PM – 8:00 pm	PDC SOCIAL • Ashwood Court • Tacos & Trivia Tuesday Sponsored by GB WISE		



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Wednesday, October 28th – DAY 2

7:00 AM	REGISTRATION • Ashwood Court		
7:00 AM	HOT BREAKFAST • NETWORKING • Wentworth		
Room	North Ballroom		
8:00 AM - 9:10 AM Opening Remarks and General Session II	Working with the Changes, NEC 70 & NFPA 70E & 70B Kenneth Andrea		
9:10 AM - 9:25 AM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
9:25 AM – 10:25 AM Breakout Session VI	Elevating Women in Safety: Leadership, Mentorship, and Collaboration Leah Rumore, CSP, CIT Rich Samie, CSP, P.E., ARM	Safety Cultures: Biosafety Basics from Cells to the Community Eli Graber, M.S.	In Emergency Response, Great Plans Are a Smart Thing; Training Is Everything! Bo Mitchell, CEM, CPP, CHS-V+
10:25AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Breakout Session VII	Safety Metrics That Really Count Natalia Olive, CSP, CSHM	Artificial Light, Technology Use, and Sleep Disruption Mehdi Khalighi Ph.D., CIH, CSP	The Power of Participation: Grow your Career Through ASSP Volunteering Daren Canfield, Dave Crowley, Shaundree Davis, Alexis Flink
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	COLD BUFFET LUNCH • 50/50 RAFFLE • Wentworth		
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Breakout Session VIII	Selling Safety in Your Organization Patrick Karol, CSP, SMP, CIT	Human Error Is a Design Problem, Not the Cause David Garner, CSP, CHMM, SMP	From Exposure to Intervention: Job Stress in the Workplace Suzanne Nobrega, Ph.D.
2:45 PM – 2:55 PM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Chesterfield	Bedford
2:55 – 3:55 PM Breakout Session IX	The State of Safety Through the Lens of \$1.8 Billion in OSHA Violations George Banis	Difficult Times, Difficult Conversations Chris Ross, CSP, CPTD	Advancing Safety Culture Through Learning, Coaching, and Improvement Harold Rice, CSP, ASP, CIT
3:55 PM – 4:00 PM	BREAK • South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom		
4:00 PM – 4:50 PM General Session III	The New Generation of Leadership: Blending Old Ways with New Ideas Andrew Wright, CSP, CIH		
4:50 PM – 5:00 PM	CLOSING & RAFFLE • THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!		