



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ASSP Region VIII ○ New England Area

October 27th & 28th, 2026

Sheraton Nashua

11 Tara Blvd., Nashua NH USA, 03062

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 – 9:15 AM Opening Remarks and 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	Bedford	Amherst
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	Bedford	Amherst
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	Bedford	Amherst
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Breakout Session III	Promoting Workplace Safety on a No-Frills Budget! Emily Boltz, CSP, ASP, HEM Laura Walker, CSP, ASP, COHN-S	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		
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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	Bedford	Amherst
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	THE PDC SOCIAL ● Ashwood Court		



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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	Bedford	Amherst
9:25 AM – 10:25 AM Breakout Session VI	Elevating Women in Safety: Leadership, Mentorship, and Collaboration Rich Sarnie, 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	Bedford	Amherst
11:00 AM – 12:00 AM Breakout Session VII	Safety Metrics That Really Count Natalia Olive, CSP, CSHM, MNG '02	Artificial Light, Technology Use, and Sleep Disruption Mehdi Khalighi Ph.D., CIH, CSP	TBD Speaker
12:00 AM – 1:00 PM	COLD BUFFET LUNCH ● 50/50 RAFFLE ● Wentworth		
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	BREAK ● South & Center Ballroom		
Room	North Ballroom	Bedford	Amherst
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	TBD Speaker or Panel
2:45 PM – 2:55 PM	BREAK ● South & Center Ballroom		
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2:55 – 3:55 PM Breakout Session IX	Busy to Brilliant: Building a Strategy-Driven Safety Management System Mary McCoy, P.E.	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!		