



Meeting Safety & Responsibility Policy

IADD is committed to providing a safe, productive, and welcoming environment for all meeting participants and IADD staff. All participants, including, but not limited to, attendees, speakers, volunteers, exhibitors, IADD staff, service providers and others are expected to abide by this Meeting Safety & Responsibility Policy. This Policy applies to all IADD meeting-related events, including those sponsored by organizations other than IADD but held in conjunction with IADD events, in public or private facilities.

Health and Safety

Attendees are encouraged to follow the COVID-19 and respiratory virus safety guidelines and protocols of the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the state or region in which the meeting is held.

Responsible Drinking

At most IADD networking events both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are served. IADD expects participants at our events to drink responsibly. IADD and Meeting host event staff have the right to deny service to participants for any reason and may require a participant to leave the event.

Personal Safety and Security

IADD works diligently to provide a safe and secure environment at its meetings and events by working with venue staff to make sure meeting participants are safe. We ask that all attendees report any questionable or concerning activity to IADD staff so that they can take immediate action. No concern is too small, if you see something, say something.

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Use the buddy system when walking to and from the event venue, networking event locations during early or late hours.
- Don't wear your meeting badge on the street. Take it off as soon as you leave the building/venue.
- Don't carry a lot of cash or credit cards. Leave in your hotel room safe.
- Don't leave personal property unattended anywhere, anytime.

If it is an emergency or if you need immediate assistance, you should ask any IADD staff member or the on-site security personnel to help you.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, IADD staff member, service provider, or other meeting guest.
- Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, national origin, inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in public spaces or in presentations, or threatening or stalking any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, IADD staff member, service provider, or other meeting guest.
- Disruption of presentations at sessions, in the exhibit hall, or at other events organized by IADD at the meeting venue, hotels, or other IADD-contracted facilities.

IADD has zero-tolerance for any form of discrimination or harassment, including but not limited to sexual harassment by participants or our staff at our meetings. If you experience harassment or hear of any incidents of unacceptable behavior, IADD asks that you inform Jenny Holliday, Chief Executive Officer, at jholliday@iadd.org or 1-815-455-7519 so that we can take the appropriate action.

IADD reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary and appropriate, including immediate removal from the meeting without warning or refund, in response to any incident of unacceptable behavior, and IADD reserves the right to prohibit attendance at any future meeting, online or in person.

Board Approved:

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