

Water Safety USA
Statement of Principles

Who We Are: Water Safety USA is a roundtable of equals composed of longstanding national nonprofit and governmental organizations with a strong record of providing drowning prevention and water safety programs, including public education.

Mission: Empower people with resources, information, and tools to safely enjoy and benefit from our nation's aquatic environments.

Strategy: We collaborate to enhance our individual organizational efforts to promote water safety and prevent drowning.

Decision Making: We make decisions by consensus.

Membership: Our membership is determined by consensus. Any member may leave the group by informing the other members. Proposals for membership must be sponsored by three members and will be discussed at the following in-person meeting. Voting is confidential and must be unanimous (not including abstentions). If an organization fails to participate in scheduled meetings for one year, they will be given notice of the expectation of participation. If they continue to fail to participate they may be removed by a unanimous, confidential vote (not including abstentions).

Meetings: We meet in person, telephonically, and electronically no less than once each year and more frequently as decided by the membership.

Finances: We depend upon the support of our members and if a collective need is established for expenditures of funds we may assess ourselves. We maintain no bank account.