

Stakeholder Feedback Survey Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can participate in the USNWSAP stakeholder survey?

- A. The survey can be completed by both individuals and on behalf of organizations working in drowning prevention.
- If completing the survey as an *individual*, you will be expressing your own opinion as an invested stakeholder in water safety and drowning prevention.
 - If completing the survey *on behalf of your organization*, it is expected that you will be providing an official response based on your organizations position, not your own opinion. We ask that organizations only complete the survey once. However, individuals designated to complete on behalf of their organization can still submit an individual survey which reflects their personal views.

Q. Is the survey anonymous?

- A. Both the individual and organizational surveys are anonymous in that we are not collecting individual names. However, we are collecting some descriptive information.
- For those completing the survey as an individual we are collecting the level(s) at which individuals work (national, state, county, local), where they live (state) and the sector they represent (aquatics, public health, academia, government, etc.).
 - For surveys completed on behalf of an organization, we will capture the name of the organization so that we know which organizations have participated.

Q. Why is this survey important?

- A. While the USNWSAP development has involved input from more than 100 experts working in the field either as working group members, key informants, or expert reviewers in previous stages of development, this is an opportunity for anyone working in the field to weigh in on the plan. Your voice matters! Your responses will help guide the development of the final recommendations for the USNWSAP, which once implemented will provide evidence-informed guidance on how to protect communities from drowning across the U.S.

Q. Why is the survey being fielded now?

- A. The multisectoral working groups who addressed the six focus areas included in the USNWSAP (more information available [here](#)) have spent over a year undertaking a situational analysis to develop evidence-informed recommendations in collaboration with the USNWSAP Steering Committee. These recommendations have gone through multiple rounds of review, discussion and revision, including a final review by external experts. They are now ready for input from the field, which includes you! Your input will help guide the development of the list of recommendations and additional considerations that will be discussed by our Blue-Ribbon Panel later this year as we move toward the final list that will be included in the first U.S. plan.

Q. How long is the survey?

- A.** The survey asks for review and response on action and gap recommendations for each of the six focus areas included in the plan: data/public health surveillance; supervision/lifeguards, life jackets/personal flotation devices and other flotation; CPR/rescue; barriers/entrapment and electrical safety; and water safety/water competency/swim lessons. The number of recommendations varies by group, and you can choose to complete any or all of these six areas based on your specific interest. You do not have to complete the entire survey, we just ask that you complete any section of the survey that you start.

Because people will review at different speeds and have varying amounts of additional feedback it is difficult for us to estimate how long it will take to complete.

Q. Do I have to take the survey all at once?

- A.** No, as long as you keep your **internet browser open** and **allow cookies** your progress will save, and you can start and stop the survey.

Q. Where can I find the survey?

- A.** The survey is on the USNWSAP website at <https://www.watersafetyusa.org/survey.html>

Q. I have colleagues who I think would be interested in participating in the survey. Can I share this information with them?

- A.** Absolutely, we are keen to get as broad amount of feedback on the recommendations as possible going into the final stage of plan development.

Q. When does the survey close?

- A.** The survey will be closed end of the day **August 31st**. Therefore, all participants will need to respond by the 31st for their feedback to be captured for review.

Q. How do I learn even more about the USNWSAP?

- A.** More information on the USNWSAP development process can be found on our website at: www.watersafetyusa.org/nwsap . You can link to our recent townhall at from that webpage or go directly to the video at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18Vw8H0C1nByEqu2z6uxxGefKqQ7sf7sZ>