



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT:** NDPA Water Safety Legislation Council for Water Safety

**OP PLAN ENTRY:** Pools, Portable Unprotected (Child Drowning)

**DATE OF MEETING:** 3/10/2025

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Susan Bathalon, Children's RMG, EXRR

**FILING DATE:** 3/11/2025

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Susan Bathalon, Children's RMG, EXRR  
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### Summary of Meeting:

The group discussed the general progress of five council groups from the US National Water Safety Action Plan (US NWSAP). These councils include model legislation, life jacket use, water competency, lifeguard and rescue, and barrier prevention. Each of these councils had several recommendations for potential research questions to enhance the known safety information in the respective areas. The questions and research gaps were reviewed.

A small task group will work to score the questions and gaps presented by the individual councils. The task group will meet before 3/15/2025. A scoring matrix was reviewed with the detail of 1. how easily the posed question is answered, 2. whether funding could be feasible, 3. Prioritizing based on public impact, and 4. whether the safety need-based audience will be enhanced, and 5. how easily the question is answered. Garnering support from important stakeholders was discussed as a highlighted area. Scoring was broadly discussed. The key research gaps and questions that receive priority are intended to enhance the work in the council area to move the water safety objective.

Survey Monkey will generate the questions from the councils and request comments from all US NWSAP members. March 17, 2025, is the expected date of the survey to the participants, and the survey is expected to be returned in the next week.

### Next Steps:

All questions presented by the five councils will be reviewed and narrowed through the upcoming survey and the small task group scoring the questions. The NDPA Water Safety Legislation Council for Water Safety will meet in mid-April 21, 2025, with a more focused group of suggested research questions.