



Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Dear Friends of the RIMS Houston Chapter,

Its house fire season, so our newsletter this month begins with a safety note. This winter has been one of the coldest on record for many parts of the United States. Studies show that colder weather often means people spend more time at home and the increased time indoors can escalate the risk of house fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there are more than 360,000 home structure fires each year, resulting in approximately \$6-8 billion in damage. And, of course, you can't put a value on the lives that are lost as a result. The causes of these fires range from food left unattended on the stove to candles left burning. We've all seen the videos showing a structure fully engulfed in typically less than two minutes after a fire starts. A majority of these fires are preventable. Below are the eight most common causes of house fires as identified by the NFPA.

1. Candles – battery operated candles are a safer alternative
2. Smoking – just don't, but if you have to, smoke outside
3. Electrical and lighting – check wiring; don't overload outlets or cords
4. Dryers and washing machines – clean lint screens frequently; check gas lines and vent pipes; don't leave washers and dryers running when you're not home
5. Lightning – stay away from doors and windows during an electrical storm; do not use electrical equipment; use surge protectors; avoid plumbing (sinks, showers, tubs, etc.)
6. Children playing with fire – keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children; teach children fire safety and supervise them
7. Christmas trees – keep live trees well watered; don't leave lights on all night or when you're not home; inspect light cords
8. Cooking – Don't leave cooking food unattended; use a lid to smother a grease fire in a pan (not water); if an oven fire flares, turn off the oven and leave the door shut until the fire goes out; keep flammable items away from the stove; have working smoke detectors in the house and keep a fire extinguisher close

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Please take the time to minimize the risk of fire in your home.

Our March meeting is the annual joint RIMS/CPCU meeting hosted this year by CPCU. The speaker is Paul Bailey, a Consultant with the Dallas office of Towers Watson. He will be presenting "**Insurance Predictive Modeling**". **Please note, since CPCU is hosting the meeting, we will meet on their meeting date at their meeting location. The date is Tuesday, March 17th, and the meeting location is Lakeside Country Club, 100 Wilcrest Drive, Houston, TX 77042.** Come join us and network with the Houston Chapter of CPCU.

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board

Houston Chapter February Meeting

Our February speaker was Roger L. Andrews, J.D., UHD and Spencer Foundation's Risk Manager in Residence. Mr. Rogers is Director of Risk Management E.D. Bullard Company located in Cynthiana, Kentucky. The Houston Chapter is proud to partner with UHD and support the Spencer Foundation and we appreciate all who were able to attend the meeting.



Monthly Drawings

The next Speaker Evaluation drawing will be at our May 20th meeting and the pot is now \$120. We will pull from the completed evaluation forms we collected at the February meeting.

Please remember to complete the speaker evaluation at each meeting and RSVP for each meeting to be placed in the drawing to win cash and/or prizes.

Grady Coffey won the \$20 early registration prize which he donated back to the Chapter.

Jennifer Vu Barrerra with Stage Stores won the \$20 blue ticket drawing.

Opportunity to Donate

RIMS Houston Chapter

Upcoming Events

February Meeting

The Houston Chapter
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and Insurance Institute of
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Chartered Property Casualty
Underwriters Society
www.cpcusociety.org

Institutional Risk
Management Institute
www.irmi.org

The National Alliance
www.scic.com

Construction Risk and
Insurance Specialist
www.cris-ce.com

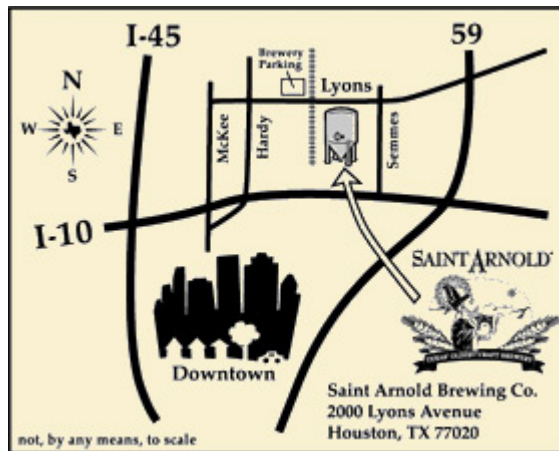
For further Educational
Opportunities, Forms or
Information, please visit the
Chapter website at:

<http://houston.rims.org/HoustonChapter/Home/>

If your organization is interested in donating door prizes for monthly meetings and/or Fall Conference, the Houston Chapter would be very appreciative and would recognize your organization in our monthly newsletter. For donation opportunities, please contact any Board member.

Save the Date – Spring Social

Our Spring Social is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Saint Arnold Brewing Company, 200 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020. Watch your email and our website for more information.



Save the Date – Fall Conference

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 17th for our annual Fall Conference, Golf Tournament, and Spa Event. This year's theme is **"Integrated Care for Your Most Important Assets – Your Employees"**. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors for this popular event. If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering, please contact any board member.



16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX 77095

RIMS National Events

RIMS 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition – April 26-29, 2015 –
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Risk and Insurance
Management Society,
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Houston Chapter
Mission Statement**

The Houston Chapter of RIMS serves its members and the greater Houston community by focusing on the highest quality service, education and information to manage all forms of business risk and to promote the risk management profession.



RIMS is going back to New Orleans for RIMS '15. In addition to the more than 160 sessions, amazing keynotes and an energetic Exhibit Hall, there is lots of NEW planned:

- VIP Experience
- International Lounge
- RIMS and Business Insurance Present: BI Risk Manager of the Year Award and State-of-the-Industry Panel
- Spencer 5K Fun Run Presented by Sedgwick
- Spencer-RIMS Risk Management Challenge
- FREE Wi-Fi in session rooms and common areas of the convention center*
- Enhanced technology in educational sessions
- Special Rising Risk Professional (RRP) Track
- Special Student Track
- Speed Networking
- Expanded satellite registration and members-only hotels

Discover New Knowledge, New Innovations and New Encounters at RIMS 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition!

Register today at www.rims.org

Job Postings

Houston, Texas

Senior Manager, Workers Compensation – Houston Independent School District

<http://www.applitrack.com/houstonisd/onlineapp/default.aspx?AppliTrackPostingSearch=Workers>
Job ID Number is 21010.

San Antonio, Texas

Risk Management Claims Analyst – ISS Facility Services, Inc.
(2 openings)
Jobbank.rims.org

Senior Quantitative Risk Analyst – Enterprise Risk/Model Validation – USAA
Jobbank.rims.org

Associate Actuary (Property & Casualty Risk Management) – USAA
Jobbank.rims.org

The Houston Chapter of RIMS will post available job opportunities on our website, however, we do not guarantee that any of the posted positions have not been filled or are still available. If you have or know of an open position and would like to share the information, please contact Cindi Vickers, cvickers@eeslp.com.

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Outstanding Chapter
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Outstanding Chapter
Member Services



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Name Badges

Please be advised that the colors of the name badges at our meetings have meaning.

Green – Board Members

Blue – Deputy Members

Yellow – Associate Members

Light Purple – Committee Members and Volunteers

Please contact Pamela Chavez (pamela.chavez@loomis.us.com) if you need changes to your badge.

Houston Chapter Membership Directory

Please make sure your information is up to date in the Houston Chapter website Membership Directory.

(<http://community.rims.org/HoustonChapter/Community/ChapterMemberDirectory>)

If you have any changes to your information, please leave a business card at the registration desk with the applicable changes and we will update our records.

The Houston Chapter makes every attempt to protect the information in this Directory and it is distributed only to paying members. Please be considerate of other members and do not use the information contained in the Directory, including member email addresses, for any purpose(s) not sanctioned by the Houston Chapter of RIMS Board of Directors.

Newsletter Submission Requests

We are looking for submissions for our monthly newsletter. If you have an article you would like to submit for publication in our newsletter, please send it to Cindi Vickers, cvickers@eeslp.com.

The Chapter is on Facebook & LinkedIn

The National Risk and Insurance Management Society and the RIMS Houston Chapter are both on Facebook and LinkedIn. "Like" our page (Facebook) and/or "follow" us (LinkedIn) to receive updates. We are in need of content, so please join.



As the preeminent organization dedicated to advancing the practice of risk management, RIMS, the risk management society™, is a global not-for-profit organization representing more than 3,500 industrial, service, nonprofit, charitable and government entities throughout the world. Founded in 1950, RIMS brings networking, professional development and education opportunities to its membership of more than 11,000 risk management professionals who are located in more than 60 countries. For more information on RIMS, visit www.RIMS.org.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities for volunteers to assist with Chapter events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any board member. This is a great way to get involved with the Chapter and help shape the future of the risk management profession.

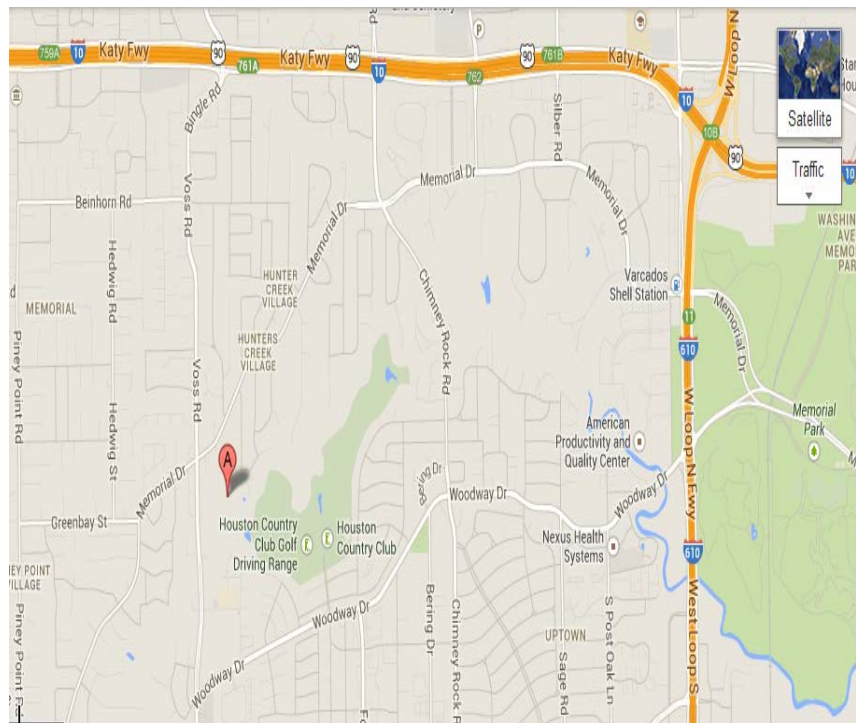
Calling All Service Providers

The Houston Chapter is adding a page to our Newsletter. This page will feature the logos of the service providers/sponsors that are active in our Chapter. If you would like your logo to appear in our Newsletter, please send a pdf file of your logo to Cindi Vickers at cvickers@eeslp.com.

Monthly Meeting Place

The Houston Racquet Club
10709 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024
713-464-4811
www.houstonracquetclub.com

Parking is provided.



2015 RIMS HOUSTON CHAPTER CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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1/1 New Year's Day
 1/21 RIMS Monthly Meeting
 1/19 Martin Luther King Day

JULY						
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7/04 Independence Day
 7/15 - RIMS Monthly Meeting

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2/14 Valentine's Day
 2/16 President's Day
 2/18 RIMS Monthly Meeting

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8/19 - RIMS Monthly Meeting

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3/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting/Joint Meeting with CPCU - Lakeside Country Club

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9/07 Labor Day
 9/16 RIMS Monthly Meeting

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4/3 Good Friday
 4/5 Easter Sunday
 4/16 RIMS Evening Social - St. Arnold's Brewery
 4/26-4/29 RIMS National Conference in New Orleans
 4/26 RIMS TEXAS Chapter Reception - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Bourbon St.

OCTOBER						
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10/12 Columbus Day
 10/19 RIMS Fall Conference
 10/31 Halloween

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5/10 Mother's Day
 5/20 RIMS Monthly Meeting
 5/25 Memorial Day

NOVEMBER						
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11/11 Veterans Day
 11/18 RIMS Monthly Meeting
 11/26 Thanksgiving Day

JUNE						
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6/14 Father's Day
 6/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER						
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12/16 RIMS Evening Meeting - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 12/25 Christmas Day

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