



# Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Dear Friends of the RIMS Houston Chapter,

Summer is now in full swing and the days are definitely heating up. The following article from the **National Safety Council** contains great information about heat-related illness.

### **Heat Illnesses Can Be Fatal; Would You Know What to Do?**

Did you know your body is constantly in a struggle to disperse the heat it produces? Most of the time, you're hardly aware of it – unless your body is exposed to more heat than it can handle.

In 2011, 587 people died in the U.S. from exposure to excessive heat, according to Injury Facts 2015, the annual statistical report on unintentional injuries produced by the National Safety Council. Heat-related illnesses can escalate rapidly, leading to delirium, organ damage and even death.

There are several heat-related illnesses, including heatstroke (the most severe), heat exhaustion and heat cramps. Those most at risk include:

- Infants and young children
- Elderly people
- Pets
- Individuals with heart or circulatory problems or other long-term illness
- People who work outdoors
- Athletes and people who like to exercise – especially beginners
- Individuals taking medications that alter sweat production
- Alcoholics and drug abusers

**Heatstroke** – Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and body temperature rises quickly. The brain and vital organs are effectively “cooked” as body temperature rises to a dangerous level in a matter of minutes. Heatstroke is often fatal, and those who do survive may have permanent damage to their organs.

Someone experiencing heatstroke will have extremely hot skin, and an altered mental state, ranging from slight confusion to coma. Seizures also can result. Ridding the body of excess heat is crucial for survival.

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- Move the person into a half-sitting position in the shade
- Call for emergency medical help immediately
- If humidity is below 75%, spray the victim with water and fan them vigorously; if humidity is above 75%, apply ice to neck, armpits or groin
- Do not give aspirin or acetaminophen
- Do not give the victim anything to drink

**Heat Exhaustion** – When the body loses an excessive amount of salt and water, heat exhaustion can set in. People who work outdoors and athletes are particularly susceptible.

Symptoms are similar to those of the flu and can include severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting and, sometimes, diarrhea. Other symptoms include profuse sweating, clammy or pale skin, dizziness, rapid pulse and normal or slightly elevated body temperature.

Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can evolve into heatstroke, so make sure to treat the victim quickly.

- Move them to a shaded or air-conditioned area
- Give them water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Apply wet towels or have them take a cool shower

**Heat Cramps** – Heat cramps are muscle spasms that usually affect the legs or abdominal muscles, often after physical activity. Excessive sweating reduces salt levels in the body, which can result in heat cramps.

Workers or athletes with pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs should not return to work for a few hours. Instead:

- Sit or lie down in the shade
- Drink cool water or a sports drink
- Stretch affected muscles
- Seek medical attention if you have heart problems or if the cramps don't get better in an hour

The best way to avoid a heat-related illness is to limit exposure outdoors during hot days. Air conditioning is the best way to cool off, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Also:

- Drink more liquid than you think you need and avoid alcohol
- Wear loose, lightweight clothing and a hat
- Replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks
- Avoid spending time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wear sunscreen; sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself
- Pace yourself when you run or otherwise exert your body

Stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board

## RIMS Houston Chapter

### Upcoming Events

#### June Meeting

The Houston Chapter  
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### EDUCATIONAL & ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

American Institute for CPCU  
and Insurance Institute of  
America [www.aicpcu.org](http://www.aicpcu.org)

Chartered Property Casualty  
Underwriters Society  
[www.cpcusociety.org](http://www.cpcusociety.org)

Institutional Risk  
Management Institute  
[www.irmi.org](http://www.irmi.org)

The National Alliance  
[www.scic.com](http://www.scic.com)

Construction Risk and  
Insurance Specialist  
[www.cris-ce.com](http://www.cris-ce.com)

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

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

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## Houston Chapter July Meeting

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Please join us for our monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, July 15th. We will host Chad Rosenberg, Principal, Rosenberg & Parker. The meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Rosenberg will present "**Navigating Surety – Smooth Sailing Ahead? Learning From the Past to Anticipate the Future and What You Need to Know For Your Own Program**".

This session has been approved by the Texas Department of Insurance for one (1) hour of CE credit.

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## Monthly Drawings

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The next Speaker Evaluation drawing will be at our July 15th meeting and the pot is \$20. We will pull from the completed evaluation forms we collected at the May meeting. You must be present to win.

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.

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## Save the Date – Fall Conference

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Mark your calendar for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



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Inc.  
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.



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## June Government Affairs Update

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For additional information on the following topics, see [www.RIMS.org](http://www.RIMS.org).

### RIMS Legislative Summit

The RIMS Legislative Summit was held in Washington D.C. on June 8-9. Approximately 40 RIMS members came together to advocate for the Policyholder Protection Act and uniformity in data breach notification law. Members met with over 50 Congressional offices, including committee leadership in both the House and Senate. Attendees were joined by key Congressional staffers who gave their outlook on prospects for passage of cyber legislation this legislative session.

### RIMS Cyber Survey 2015

The results of the RIMS 2015 Cyber Survey have now been released. Those results can be downloaded on [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org).

### Captive Insurers Clarification Act

On June 11, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced S.1561, the Captive Insurers Clarification Act. This legislation would officially omit captives from the definition of a "nonadmitted insurer" under the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act. As currently constructed the NRRA has caused some confusion on whether independent procurement taxes on purchased insurance from a captive must be paid to both the organization's home state and captive's domicile. To read RIMS press release expressing support for this legislation, please visit [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org).

### RISK PAC Fundraiser for Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer

On June 9, RISK PAC cohosted a fundraiser for Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO). Rep. Luetkemeyer chairs the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee, and will play a pivotal role in any insurance-related legislation considered by the House of Representatives. This was a terrific opportunity for representatives of RIMS, including several RIMS members, to meet face to face with a member of Congressional leadership to discuss RIMS policy priorities. If you are interested in learning more about RISK PAC, or in making a contribution, please visit the RISK PAC site at

<https://www.rims.org/externalaffairs/RISKPAC/Pages/Default.aspx>

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## Job Postings

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### Houston, Texas

Workers' Compensation Risk Manager – The Woodlands, TX (S-24) –  
Layne Christensen

<http://www.layne.com/en/>

Risk Program Manager (Insurance and Claims) American Bureau of  
Shipping

<https://abseagle.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=1500180&lang=en&source=LinkedIn>

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Outstanding Chapter  
Programming

Outstanding Chapter  
Member Services



**Legislative &  
Governmental Award -  
2011**

Underwriting Analyst – Phillips 66  
<http://phillips66.jobs/houston-tx/underwriting-analyst>

Risk Manager – Memorial Hermann  
[http://www.memorialhermann.org/mh\\_forms/careerframe.aspx?path=atsjb06.jsp&jobreqno=100038363](http://www.memorialhermann.org/mh_forms/careerframe.aspx?path=atsjb06.jsp&jobreqno=100038363)

Shipping Claims Analyst – Koch Supply & Trading LP  
<https://kochcareers.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=353262&src=JB-10082>

Division Manager – City of Houston  
<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/houston/default.cfm>

Insurance Analyst II – Dynegy  
<https://www1.apply2jobs.com/Dynegy/ProfExt/index.cfm?fuseaction=mExternal.showJob&RID=244&CurrentPage=1>

Sr. Financial – Insurance Analyst – Aramco Services Company  
[http://aramcoservices.applytojob.com/apply/job\\_20141021201926\\_GH8B4OCNXFLNU2UE/Sr-Financial-Insurance-Analyst-81710?source=INDE](http://aramcoservices.applytojob.com/apply/job_20141021201926_GH8B4OCNXFLNU2UE/Sr-Financial-Insurance-Analyst-81710?source=INDE)

Insurance Coordinator – CGGVeritas  
<https://cggv.taleo.net/careersection/ext/jobdetail.ftl?job=HSEBF20150427&source=Job+Board>

Claims Supervisor – The Judson Group  
[http://judson-group.com/refresh/templates/career.php?job\\_id=759](http://judson-group.com/refresh/templates/career.php?job_id=759)

Principal Insurance – Risk Management Specialist – Rockwell Collins  
<https://rockwellcollins.taleo.net/careersection/10000/jobdetail.ftl?job=RS000000008&lang=en&loc=USA&src=JB-11060>

Manager Risk – TIRR – The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research  
<https://careers.mhhs.org/ats/jsp/atsjb06.jsp?ref=&tempid=84170&jobreqno=100039279>

Manager Risk – Texas Medical Center  
<https://careers.mhhs.org/ats/jsp/atsjb06.jsp?ref=&tempid=83106&jobreqno=100039997>

Senior Information Risk Analyst – McDermott  
[http://careers.mcdermott.com/jobsearch/job-details/senior-information-risk-analyst/5482/1/?utm\\_campaign=indeed](http://careers.mcdermott.com/jobsearch/job-details/senior-information-risk-analyst/5482/1/?utm_campaign=indeed)

### **Kingwood, Texas**

Director, Property & Casualty Claim Services – Insuperity  
[http://ejob.bz/ATS/PortalViewRequirement.do?source=Indeed&reqGK=958503&utm\\_source=Indeed&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=Indeed](http://ejob.bz/ATS/PortalViewRequirement.do?source=Indeed&reqGK=958503&utm_source=Indeed&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Indeed)





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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](mailto:cvickers@eeslp.com).

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## Houston Chapter Board Positions

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The Houston Chapter is searching for candidates to fill board positions. There are several positions available for the 2016 board. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors of the Houston Chapter, please contact any board member. Join us in helping to make our chapter even better for our members.

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## Opportunity to Donate

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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.

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## Name Badges

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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](mailto:pamela.chavez@loomis.us.com)) if you need changes to your badge.

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## Houston Chapter Membership Directory

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**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.**

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## Newsletter Submission Requests

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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](mailto:cvickers@eeslp.com).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

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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.



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## Calling All Service Providers

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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](mailto:cvickers@eeslp.com).

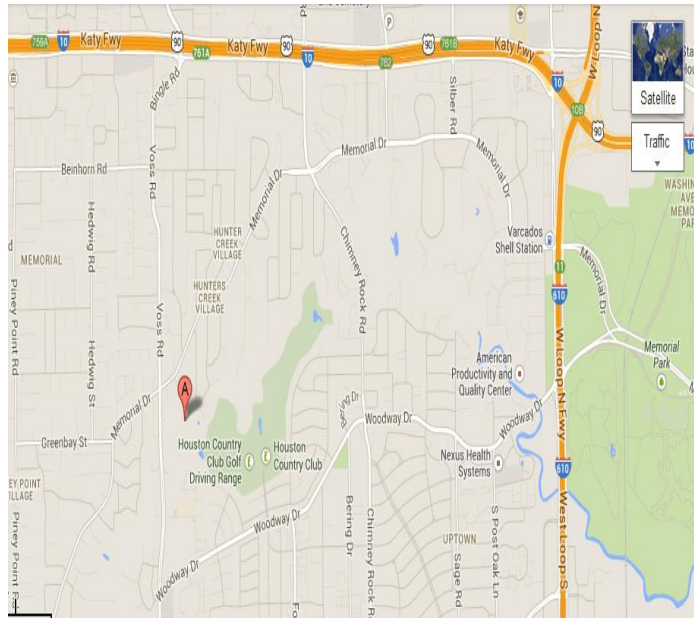
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# Monthly Meeting Place

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The Houston Racquet Club  
10709 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024  
713-464-4811  
[www.houstonracquetclub.com](http://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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