



ZAHP newsletter

June 24, 2021

News & Updates



Lightning Safety at Zoos & Aquariums The National Lightning Safety Council recognizes June 20-26, 2021 as National Lightning Safety Awareness Week, and we explore ways that your facility can mitigate lightning-related risks in our new blog post featuring contributing author Chris Vagasky. [Read more here.](#)

Zoo preparedness in the news: Texas Zoo undertakes flood preparedness emergency plan A new cooperative effort has prepared the Texas Zoo in Victoria to better withstand flooding and securely evacuate dangerous animals during potential emergency conditions. [Read more here.](#)

New publication alert: Emergency Response to Australia's Black Summer 2019–2020: The Role of a Zoo-Based Conservation Organisation in Wildlife Triage, Rescue, and Resilience for the Future In this new paper, authors detail the role of Zoos Victoria staff in wildlife triage and welfare, threatened species evacuation and recovery, media and communications, and fundraising during and after the fires. They also share strategies for future resilience, readiness, and the ability to mobilize quickly in catastrophic events. [Read it here.](#)

Webinars & Events

Mindful Leadership in Crisis Webinar

Tuesday, June 29 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM EDT

Thursday, July 1 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM EDT

Coordinated by the AZA Safety Committee, this webinar will look at real-life scenarios that may be encountered while working in the zoo and aquarium industry, and is intended to provide the tools and resources you can utilize to assist individuals, teams, and organizations in navigating these difficult situations. Join us as we break out into working groups to explore a variety of scenarios and the steps you can take to mitigate their impact to your teams. Be prepared to engage in open and honest communication, without judgement, while learning to address the mental health issues we sometimes see in our industry. Two sessions will be offered on June 29 and July 1.

[Register for the June 29 session here!](#)

[Register for the July 1 session here!](#)