



By registering for RIMS ERM CONFERENCE 2026 (the Event), you hereby acknowledge and agree that you have read, understand, and will comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

If you are registering on behalf of another individual, it is your responsibility to ensure the person participating is aware of these terms and accepts them. By completing the registration on behalf of another individual you are warranting that you have made the Participant aware of these terms and that they have accepted these terms listed below.

1. **RIMS ERM CONFERENCE COVID-19 Vaccination Policy** – Currently, there are no COVID-19 vaccine mandates or requirements in place for the RIMS ERM Conference 2026. RIMS will follow all applicable communicable disease vaccination and/or testing requirements in place in the city of Columbus. RIMS will communicate the city's requirements to registrants as part of the registration process and will keep registrants informed of any changes to such policies.
2. **RIMS ERM Conference 2026 Liability Waiver for Attendees** - On behalf of attendee and attendee's personal representatives, attendee hereby releases and indemnifies RIMS (including but not limited to their board, agents, servants, representatives, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers, and all persons, natural or corporate, in privity with any of them), and all of RIMS past, present and future officers, directors, servants, representatives, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, predecessors, successors and assigns, and all persons, natural or corporate, in privity with any of them (all collectively referred to as "**Released Parties**") from any and all liability and claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever, whether based in contract, tort, regulation, at common law or by statute for property damage, personal injury, or death that may arise while participating in the RIMS ERM Conference 2026, activities, it being intended by the parties hereto that all claims of any kind or character are released.

THE RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES STATED IN THIS AGREEMENT ARE SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO OPERATE AND BE APPLICABLE EVEN IF IT IS ALLEGED OR PROVED THAT ALL OR SOME OF THE DAMAGES BEING SOUGHT WERE CAUSED AS A WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY ACT, OMISSION, NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, INTENTIONAL CONDUCT, VIOLATION OF STATUTE OR COMMON LAW, BREACH OF WARRANTY, PRODUCT DEFECT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER CONDUCT WHATSOEVER OF RIMS, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Specifically relating to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the attendee acknowledges the highly contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk of exposure or infection by attending the RIMS ERM Conference 2026, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, disability, and/or death to the attendee. Attendee understands that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at RIMS ERM Conference 2026 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others who may attend the event or their families, colleagues, or others with whom they may have contact. Accordingly, the attendee understands and agrees that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of RIMS, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in RIMS ERM Conference 2026.



In addition to all other rules and regulations relating to the attendee's attendance at RIMS ERM Conference 2026, attendee agrees to comply with all COVID-related procedures that may be implemented by RIMS and [EVENT VENUE], including, but not limited to, mask-wearing and social distancing requirements and restrictions on certain activities that carry higher COVID-related risk, in order to protect as much as possible the health and safety of all RIMS ERM Conference 2026, attendees.

3. **Conference Code of Conduct-** RIMS is dedicated to providing a harassment-free Event experience for everyone, including speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, staff, vendors, and attendees. We do not tolerate unacceptable behavior by conference participants in any form.

"Unacceptable behaviors" include intimidating, harassing, abusive, discriminatory, derogatory or demeaning conduct by any participant at the Event or related events.

"Harassment" includes offensive verbal comments, stalking or following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, or inappropriate physical contact.

If a participant is asked to stop any unacceptable behavior, the participant is expected to comply immediately. If a participant does not comply, he or she may be asked to leave the Event without a refund at the sole discretion of RIMS.

We encourage you to help us create a positive Event environment for everyone and ask you to be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants. Please alert conference staff if you notice a dangerous situation, see someone in distress or have any concerns.

4. **Prohibited Conduct - Disruptive Conduct.** You acknowledge and agree that RIMS reserves the right to remove you from the Event if RIMS, in its sole discretion, determines that your participation or behavior creates a disruption or hinders the enjoyment of the Event content by other attendees.

Recording, Live Streaming, and Videotaping. Participants may not record or broadcast audio or video of sessions during the Event.

Unethical/Non-Compliant Business Practices. RIMS reserves the right to deny participation to anyone who engages in or is reputed to engage in unethical or non-compliant business practices.

5. **For the safety of our attendees, the following items are prohibited at RIMS ERM CONFERENCE:**

- Firearms (functional and replica)
 - Including airsoft, BB, cap, paintball, pellet, and toy guns
- Weapons (functional and replica)
 - Including knives of any type or size, projectiles, blunt weapons, and chemical substances (such as mace or pepper spray)
- Explosive devices or material
 - Including fireworks of any kind, incendiary devices such as flares, ammunition, or any other dangerous material.
- Noise makers
 - Including air horns



- Banners or pamphlets
 - Including any material deemed disruptive to the event
- Personal drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)
- Motorized or non-motorized vehicles
 - Including bikes, skateboards, and scooters
- Anything deemed inappropriate or unsafe for the venue by RIMS, law enforcement, or security personnel

6. Under 21 Registration Code of Conduct

At RIMS ERM Conference 2026, RIMS is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all participants, including registrants under the age of 21. To ensure that everyone's experience is positive, RIMS has established the following code of conduct for registrants under the age of 21:

- **Alcohol and Substance Use:** Registrants under the age of 21 are expected to comply with all local, state, and federal laws regarding the consumption and possession of alcohol and controlled substances. RIMS prohibits individuals under the age of 21 from consuming or possessing alcohol or controlled substances at any RIMS venue or event.
- **Responsible Behavior:** RIMS expects all registrants, regardless of age, to exhibit responsible and respectful behavior towards fellow attendees and staff. Disruptive or inappropriate conduct, including any form of harassment, will not be tolerated.
- **Under 21 Prohibition at Opening Reception:** The Opening Networking Reception for RIMS ERM Conference is strictly for attendees who are 21 years of age or older. Due to local regulations and the service of alcoholic beverages, individuals under the age of 21 will not be permitted to attend.
- **Consequences:**
 - If an attendee violates any of these policies, RIMS reserves the right at its sole discretion to take disciplinary action, up to and including immediate removal from the event and expulsion from the remainder of the RIMS ERM Conference.
 - A registrant is attending RIMS ERM Conference in an official capacity on behalf of their college or university. Should the registrant violate the terms of this policy, RIMS reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend the registrant's college or university from all RIMS ERM Conference activities for a period of up to three years."

By registering and attending the RIMS ERM Conference 2026, registrants under the age of 21 agree to abide by these policies and uphold the highest standards of personal conduct. RIMS believes that a respectful and responsible community benefits everyone, and RIMS is dedicated to creating an inclusive and safe environment for all.

- #### 7. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - RIMS is driven to empower us all to build a highly diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture of belonging in our global risk community. RIMS ERM Conference is designed to welcome everyone of all backgrounds.



8. **Badge Ethics, Counterfeiting and Theft** - Only persons registered for the RIMS ERM Conference and wearing the proper badge will be admitted to RIMS events that take place during the RIMS ERM Conference.

Anyone found to be counterfeiting, copying, or sharing conference name badges, or using a guest badge when they are not eligible for a guest badge, may be subject to sanctions up to and including removal from the conference and revocation of RIMS membership.

9. **Badge Reprint** - A US\$250 non-refundable fee will be charged to replace a badge for any reason, including lost or stolen badges.
10. **Photography** - Photographs may not be taken of any sessions except by the press or the official photographer designated by RIMS.
11. **Photo/Video Release** - By registering and participating in the Event, you acknowledge and accept that photographs or videos taken of you by the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) or its service providers, may be used for promotional materials of RIMS, including but not limited to use in annual reports, magazines, future conference programs or other promotional material, and on the Internet by RIMS and its service providers. RIMS reserves the right to publish the names of Event participants in production materials and on the Internet by RIMS and its service providers. Attendee shall have no right of approval, no claim to financial compensation, and no other claim arising out of such use of the attendee's name, likeness, image, voice, statements, and/or surroundings.
12. **Video & Hybrid** - Videotaping and hybrid events (including webcams, webinars, and streaming video content) are prohibited inside the Hilton Columbus Downtown unless you have written permission from the RIMS Chief Executive Officer or RIMS Chief Events and Sales Officer. In the event that RIMS authorizes videotaping and use of equipment, videos may not be taken for any exhibitor booth or product other than that of your own company, except by approved press or the official videographer designated by RIMS.
13. **RIMS Respects Your Privacy**
Mailing List: RIMS provides the attendee mailing list to exhibitors for one-time usage (no emails included). If you wish to be excluded from the mailing list, check the respective box during the registration process.
14. **Demographic and Contact Information** - Your name, address, phone number, email address, and individual and company demographic information are part of your registration. If you attend a sponsored session/event, you will be releasing your information to that exhibitor/sponsor.

By registering or attending the Event, you give permission for your contact information to be shared with associated third-party vendors and sponsors and be included in the RIMS attendee list.

15. **Exhibition Policy/No Suitcasing**

Any conference visitor who is observed to be soliciting business in the aisles or other public spaces, in another company's booth, or in violation of any portion of the Rules and Regulations, will be asked to leave immediately. Additionally, penalties may be applied. Please report any violations you may observe to Show Management. Show Management recognizes that suitcasing may also take the form of commercial activity conducted at an official RIMS sanctioned event. For the purposes of this policy, suitcasing violations may occur at venues other than the exhibition floor and at other events.



16. RIMS Outboarding Policy

Outboarding is defined as any non-permanent exhibit, demonstration, event, or branded activity that lasts for more than one day during the RIMS ERM Conference 2026, and events and activities that occur outside of contracted space with RIMS. This includes events at hotel suites, meeting rooms, ballrooms, restaurants, clubs, etc.

RIMS ERM Conference 2026 is organized so that the industry partners can showcase and demonstrate their latest products and services, meet with existing clients, and generate new leads. Nearly 400 delegates attend RIMS ERM Conference, and our sponsors and exhibitors work hard to accomplish their goals: brand recognition and business development. However, the integrity of the show is diminished, and the value becomes diluted when companies seek - in an unofficial capacity - to “piggyback” off RIMS ERM Conference without directly partnering with RIMS.

Outboarding is unethical and unfair and should not be enabled or tolerated in any capacity. RIMS works diligently to protect our exhibitors’ and sponsors’ investment in the Conference by taking a firm stance against outboarding. We encourage official exhibitors to host parties and special events to enhance RIMS ERM Conference 2026 before and after show hours, but these activities should never be functions that compete against those who are making an additional investment in their brand at RIMS. During show hours, it is strictly prohibited to conduct education inside of meeting rooms or to promote any activity that directly competes with RIMS ERM Conference 2026. Sponsorship activation spaces and cafes within the confines of the RIMS space are opportunities to position brands and offer customers heightened experiences.

Companies who outboard inconvenience attendees and hurt the overall industry. Outboarding violates RIMS policy and goes against the International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE) guidelines and best practices. When RIMS determines that outboarding has occurred, RIMS will enforce the rule against the participating company and may impose penalties for violations.

RIMS offers a variety of opportunities outside of the exhibit hall, including suites, hotel rooms, convention center spaces, and event venues. We are committed to working with any industry entity to help our partners achieve their strategic goals as it relates to the risk and business insurance disciplines.

17. Onsite Registration Policies and Procedures

RIMS accepts American Express, VISA, MasterCard, and corporate/personal/travelers checks payable in US dollars drawn from a US bank for payment of registration fees.

Please note: Onsite registration fees are non-refundable.

Registration materials will be released only to the individual whose name appears on the badge. Photo identification (driver’s license or passport) or a credit card will be required. Business cards are not an acceptable form of identification. Badges are non-transferable.



- 18. Membership Status and Pricing** - RIMS will assign the lowest possible registration rate based on your membership status and category. RIMS members must be in good standing (dues are up to date) at the time of registration and at the time of the event. If someone registers as a member and their membership expires prior to the event, RIMS has the right to adjust the registration fee to non-member status and issue a balance due for the difference in member to non-member fees. If a registrant does not renew their membership or pay the non-member rate differential, their registration status will be changed from “confirmed” to “pending.” RIMS membership must be valid until November 30, 2026.

RIMS reserves the right to adjust registration fees and category or cancel registration if members are no longer eligible to hold the membership category.

Registration Dates

Advance Registration:	July 15, 2026 - September 1, 2026
Regular Registration:	September 2 - November 18, 2026
On-site Registration:	November 19 - 20, 2026

- 19. Promotional Codes and Discount Codes** – The use of a promo code and a discount code is only valid at the time of the initial purchase or registration. Refunds will not be authorized for existing registrations where the special offer was received after the initial purchase. Discounted registration fees cannot be combined with a discount code to further reduce registration costs. Limit one (1) special offer/reduced fee/discount code per registration.

RIMS will void promotional and discount codes if the registrant is not the authorized user. Registration status will be "pending" until the appropriate fee has been paid. Combining promotional and discount codes is prohibited and cannot be combined with any other offers. Promotional and discount codes are for new registration only and can't be used with previously approved registrations. One offer per registration transaction.

- 20. Attendee Housing Policies** - View the [Housing Policies](#) for RIMS ERM CONFERENCE 2026.

Hotel Reservations and Cancellation Policies – Connections Housing is the official housing bureau for the RIMS ERM Conference 2026, hosted at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

You **must** register for the RIMS ERM Conference 2026 before reserving your hotel room within the RIMS block of discounted rooms. If you cancel your registration, your hotel reservation will also be canceled. **Limited to one room per registrant.**

Once you have completed your registration, you will have access to the hotel link to make your reservation. Through that website, you can book, modify, or cancel your hotel reservations at any time and receive updated information about the event. We look forward to seeing you!



These rooms are available at a reduced rate on a first-come, first-served basis until the block sells out, or until **October 19, 2026**.

Do not be a no-show! If you do not arrive on your scheduled date, the hotel will cancel your entire reservation and may not reinstate your reservation, even if you arrive the next day. You will be charged the penalty of the cost of one night's room and tax, regardless of whether or not the hotel reinstates your reservation.

The hotel cancellation policy will be strictly enforced. Please retain the cancellation number provided to you by Connections Housing or the hotel, as proof of cancellation will be required to dispute any credit card charges.

If you cancel or reduce your reservation less than 72 hours prior to arrival, hotel cancellation and early departure fees will apply.

Any inquiries, changes or cancellations should be directed to the Connections Housing Team (not the RIMS office) at RIMSERM@connectionshousing.com, or by calling +1(404) 378-6024.

A reservation will only be considered canceled with a cancellation number from Connections Housing or the hotel. Please do not contact RIMS offices for hotel reservations or cancellations.

21. Payment Instructions - RIMS Federal Tax ID# 13-1860397

Online Registrations completed with credit card payment are processed immediately. RIMS accepts American Express, MasterCard, and Visa.

For registrations that require a request for invoicing, please register online at www.RIMS.org/ERMRegister. The option to be invoiced is available online.

Checks, ACH, and wire transfers are processed as soon as practicable after receipt by RIMS. Please note the following deadlines:

Checks must be received by November 12, 2026. Wire transfer and ACH payments must be received by November 12, 2026. After these deadlines, RIMS cannot guarantee that payments will be processed in time for the event, and you may be required to provide a credit card for on-site badge payment.

All checks must be made payable to: Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc.

Check payments via **regular mail** must be sent to:
Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc.,
Mail Code: 7396
P. O. Box 7247
Philadelphia, PA 19170-7396



Bank transfers are payable only in US dollars drawn from a US bank. The registrant is responsible for all bank charges, including a US\$30 RIMS wire transfer fee, which must be added to the total amount transferred. RIMS is not responsible for any bank fees associated with this wire transfer. You must specify to your bank that **ALL BANK FEES MUST BE PREPAID BY YOU**, including currency exchange fees, all wire fees, bank transfer fees, etc., or your registration may not be paid in full after these charges are deducted from your payment and you will be required to remit the balance by credit card onsite before receiving badges.

Your bank must include your name, company name, and registration badge number with any ACH or wire transmittal. Without this information, we may be unable to appropriately credit your account.

Please contact RIMSAR@RIMS.org for ACH/Wire transfer information.

RIMS is not responsible for delayed mail or correspondence that is incorrectly addressed. Please note: Registration is pending until full payment is received.

22. Cancellation and Refunds *

- All registration cancellations must be in writing and emailed to RIMS_Registration@GoEshow.com.
- Cancellation request received before and on October 2, 2026, will receive a full refund minus a US \$250 cancellation fee.
- Cancellations received after October 2, 2026, are non-refundable.
- All administrative fees and additional registration items, such as the Networking Opening Reception, are non-refundable.
- Attendees who do not attend the Event and/or do not contact RIMS via written correspondence during the set window as directed above will be responsible for the full attendee registration fee.
- If, for any reason, you must cancel your conference registration, please remember to cancel your housing arrangements separately. RIMS is not responsible for canceling your hotel accommodation and hotel no-show fees.
- RIMS reserves the right to cancel the Event if force majeure conditions warrant.
- If RIMS cancels or postpones the Event, attendees can request a full refund or transfer their registration fee to another RIMS event within the next 12 calendar months at no additional cost.
- RIMS is not responsible for any travel or lodging expenses incurred due to the cancellation of the conference.
- Refunds will be processed after the conference, no later than November 30, 2026.

23. Substitution *

- Substitution of registrations is permitted before the Event and will include an administrative fee of US \$75. Send the name of the registrant and the substitute attendee's name and contact information.
- Transfer requests must be received no later than November 13, 2026, and must be sent by email to RIMS_Registration@GoEshow.com.



- After the deadline, substitution requests received may not be processed. The request must be submitted and completed onsite at the registration help desk with a hard copy of the substitution letter. An onsite substitution fee of US\$100 must be paid.
- Only one substitution is permitted per the original registrant.
- If a RIMS member transfers their registration to a non-member, the non-member must pay the difference between the RIMS member and non-member price at the time of the transfer or become a RIMS member at the time of transfer.

*Policy subject to change

- 24. RIMS ERM CONFERENCE Schedule** - Please register in advance for the sessions and special events that you wish to attend. Although sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis, completing your selections in advance helps RIMS assign each session an appropriately sized room to accommodate all interested participants.

Only individuals registered and badged may attend RIMS ERM Conference events. Attendees must have an appropriate badge to attend educational sessions, breakfasts, lunches, and all networking events. If you are under the age of 21, there is a specific code of conduct in order to participate in RIMS ERM Conference and all conference-related events. Refer to the [Under 21 Code of Conduct](#)

25. Opening Reception Event Ticket – US\$175

Each attendee is permitted to purchase up to 5 event tickets for colleagues to access the Opening Reception. This ticket **includes** RIMS shuttle bus transportation between a RIMS hotel and the Opening Reception location (if applicable). This ticket **does not include** access to any other RIMS event. Access to the Opening Reception is limited to people 21 years of age and older (5 tickets limit per registrant).

- 26. Use of Site Material** - The contents of the Event website are protected against unauthorized use in the United States and other countries by copyright and other intellectual property laws. RIMS authorizes you to view and download a single copy of the material on this website solely for your personal, noncommercial use. You must retain all copyright and other proprietary notices contained in the original material on any copy you make of the site material. You may not sell or modify our site material or reproduce, display, publicly perform, distribute, or otherwise use the material in any way for any public or commercial purpose. The names, marks, and logos appearing on this website are, unless otherwise noted, trademarks owned by or licensed to RIMS. The use of these marks, except as provided in these terms and conditions, is prohibited. If you violate any of these terms, your permission to use the site material automatically terminates and you must immediately destroy any copies you have made of the material.

To Our Members and Attendees: we ask that you decline invitations that conflict with official RIMS activities and programming, and that you report violations to RIMS. The more that these unsupportive competing events take place, the more it erodes the integrity of RIMS ERM Conference. It is important to remember that all these events exist because of RIMS ERM Conference presence. Any company that is not exhibiting or sponsoring the conference is “coat-tailing” off of the RIMS experience, often in an aggressive manner with guerilla marketing efforts purposefully intent on detracting from RIMS and RIMS ERM Conference. These practices damage the RIMS experience, and the partners and companies that significantly invest in the entire industry by participating in RIMS ERM Conference. Thank you for your support to RIMS and for your efforts to stop these damaging practices.