



**EMvision Talks®
Speaker Submission Guidance**

**International Association of
Emergency Managers
74th Annual Conference & EMEX**



November 6 – 12, 2026

**Long Beach Entertainment & Convention Center
Long Beach, CA**

Why EMvision Talks®?

Can you pinpoint a pivotal moment in your life when something changed?

When you experienced or discovered something that fundamentally shifted your perspective?

Inspired you to do things differently?

Prompted you to take action, to make a change?

We want to hear from you! Whether it was an incredible success, a major failure, or a personal moment of truth -- we want to hear about it!

We want your story!

What Are EMvision Talks®?

- IAEM presents EMvision Talks® are modeled on the well-known TED™ Talk format.
 - The Talks provide a forum for people to share a personal connection to an idea, experience, or passion related to emergency management, leadership, health & wellness, inclusion, communication, community engagement, or other related topics.
 - The Talks should grab the audience's attention, inspire, inform, compel to action, or foster awareness and a sense of urgency.
 - Talks are limited to 7-minutes and will be on the plenary stage on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at the IAEM 74th Annual Conference & EMEX in Long Beach, CA.
 - The Talks are a **live** presentation given by the selected speakers.
 - We use the submitted abstract and video of the Talk described below for selection and editing purposes *only*.
 - Please check out the [EMvision Talks®](#) from past IAEM Annual Conferences!
- “One of the most valuable and engaging sessions at IAEM”
 - “This was the highlight of the conference for me”
 - “I absolutely loved the EMvision Talks® session, in my mind the best session of the conference. You **MUST** bring it back next year!”
 - “Excellent! Truly enjoyed these and the format”
 - “Very interesting concept. I enjoyed hearing the 7-minute presentations from people clearly passionate about their subject.”
 - “This was the most valuable and entertaining event at IAEM. I would suggest you keep it.”
 - “The EMvision Talks® were outstanding. I hope to see it every year.”

If you have questions about developing your submission, would like to get feedback on an idea you have, or want some individualized assistance, please contact – Bethany Elliott, EMvision Talks® Lead at belliot@elmoreco.org, Duane Hagelgans at ConferenceChair@iaem.com or Conference Director Julie Husk at (703) 538-3550 or julie@iaem.com.

Submission Guidance

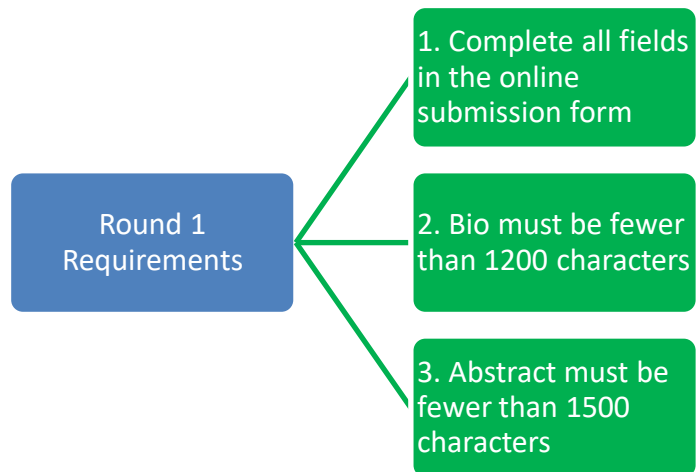
****Please read this section carefully and note that incomplete proposals will be automatically disqualified.***

There are two selection rounds for the EMvision Talks®

Round 1 - EMvision Talks®

Deadline – May 29, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM EST (No exceptions)

- Submit an abstract of <1,500 characters, i.e. approximately one page
- Your abstract should tell a compelling story that conveys your passion. It should highlight why your talk is compelling and what you'll share with the audience.¹
- See Appendix 1 for abstract examples.



IAEM will notify speakers by June 26, 2026 if they have been selected for Round 2

NOTE: *These sessions are not meant to be a lecture on emergency management or a mini-breakout session.*

Under no circumstances may this platform be used as a place for direct or indirect promotion of a speaker's product or service. Any proposal that violates this policy will be immediately disqualified.

¹ Standard AV set-up will include a laptop, projector, screen and lavalier microphone. If you need access or functional needs accommodations, please indicate so in the AV requirements section of the online submission form.

Round 2 –EMvision Talks®

Deadline - July 24, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM EST (No exceptions)

- Submit a **high-quality** unlisted YouTube video recording with **very clear audio** of the speaker delivering the **complete proposed EMvision Talk®**.

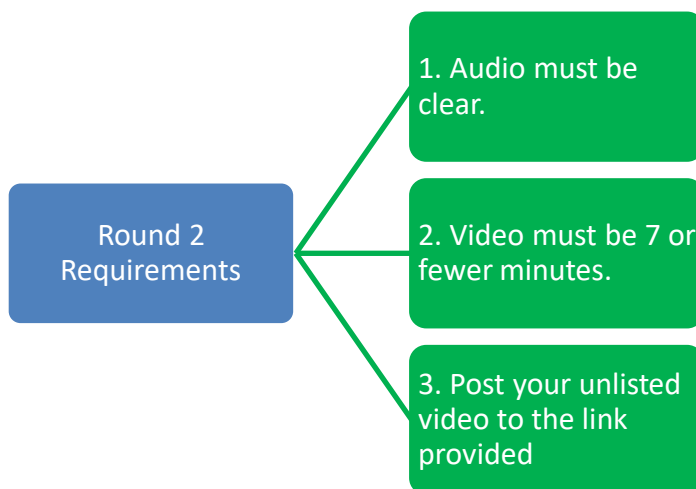
- Presentation style is very important here. Speakers need to show their passion, charisma and speaking style.

- You can record the video using a phone, tablet, or other device; ***it does not need to be professionally recorded.***

- The video is used in the selection process only and will not be released publicly.

- See Appendix 2 for instructions on how to submit a link for the video.

- For great tips, check out [Public Speaking Lessons from the World's Greatest TED Talks](#).



IAEM will notify speakers of final selection by August 21, 2026.

Registration: Selected speakers will receive discounted registration to the conference.

Online Application Tips

- **Read all instructions carefully.**
- Complete all fields – incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- Character field limits with spaces:
 - Abstracts = 1,500; Bios = 1200; Title = 100
- Double check for typos before you submit.

How to Submit Your Proposal

1. IAEM is using a new speaker management portal from year's past.
2. Navigate to:
 - a. <https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=BABSDMTQ>
 - b. Click on "Begin Your Submission".

3. Create an account for you as the speaker, entering in all your individual contact information. On this page you will create an access key to allow you to edit your proposal up until the deadline date of May 29, 2026.
4. You will need to indicate your consent to the privacy notice from our new event platform provider, Cadmium.
5. Click the green text hyperlink to begin a new abstract for an EMvision Talks. On the next page, enter the title for your EMvision Talk.
6. Next, complete the 4 tasks.
 - a. Confirm speaker profile information. You will add your bio on this page.
 - b. Add your submission information.
 - c. Add any visuals to enhance your Talk. If no visuals, indicate none on this page.
 - d. Agree to the speaker agreement.
7. When you have green check marks by all 4 tasks, noting completion, click the “Save Submission” blue button at the bottom of the page.
8. Submit your proposal for an EMvision Talks® by clicking the blue “Submit” button on the top right-hand side of the page.
9. You will receive a page stating your abstract was successfully completed. You will also receive an email confirmation.

Appendix 1 - Abstract Examples

Example of Strong Abstract

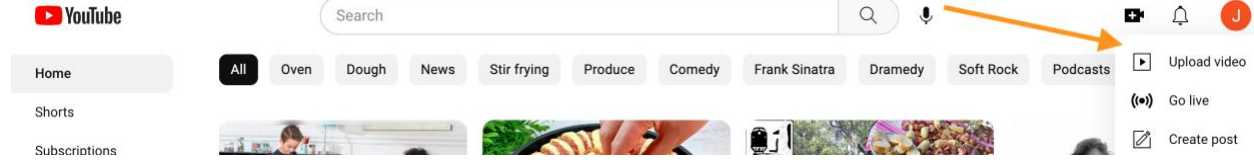
The number of dual income families with children is increasing. Over 61 percent of children five and under spend 33 hours a week in childcare. National childcare preparedness requirements do not exist, and childcare is not prepared for disaster or disaster recovery and has few incentives to be prepared. Different agencies in different states set the childcare preparedness or safety 'standards' and are not well integrated with emergency management. The current 'checking the box' mentality of compliance isn't good enough. Childcare needs to be 'ready' through action and practice, and our children need to be taught how to handle the unexpected. Otherwise, we miss opportunities to enable them and change the future. Childcare is critical to the American way of life. If the children are not safely taken care of, parents cannot go to work. After a disaster, if the parents don't go back to work, the community doesn't recover.

Example of Poor Abstract

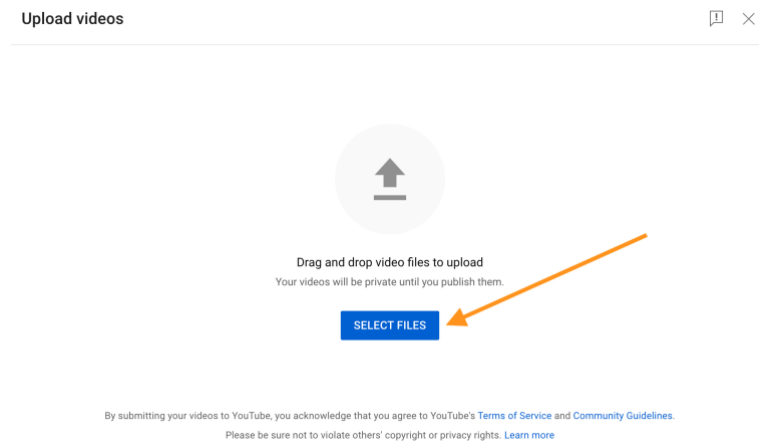
I have never presented before, but I have attended IAEM for many years and have seen many presentations on effective emergency management. I thought it would be interesting to compare the different theories on emergency management. I would also like to talk about how I have created my own emergency management plan based on ideas from others. I think the topic would appeal to many people.

Appendix 2 – Creating the Link for the Unlisted YouTube Video

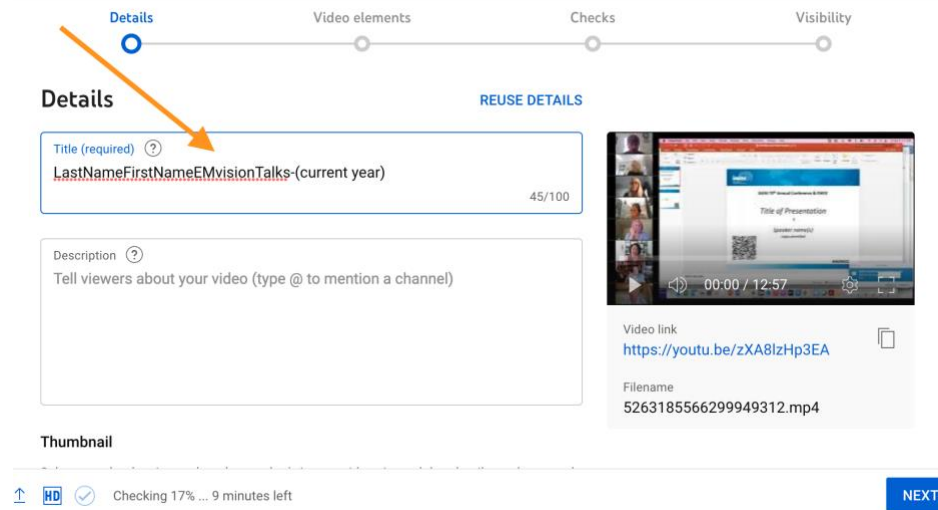
1. Go to <https://www.youtube.com> Click on the **video icon**. Then, from the drop-down menu, select **Upload video** in the top right-hand corner of the page.



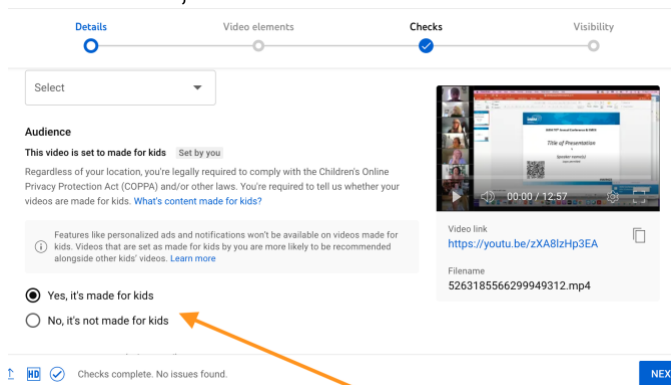
2. Click on **Select files** to upload your video from your computer.



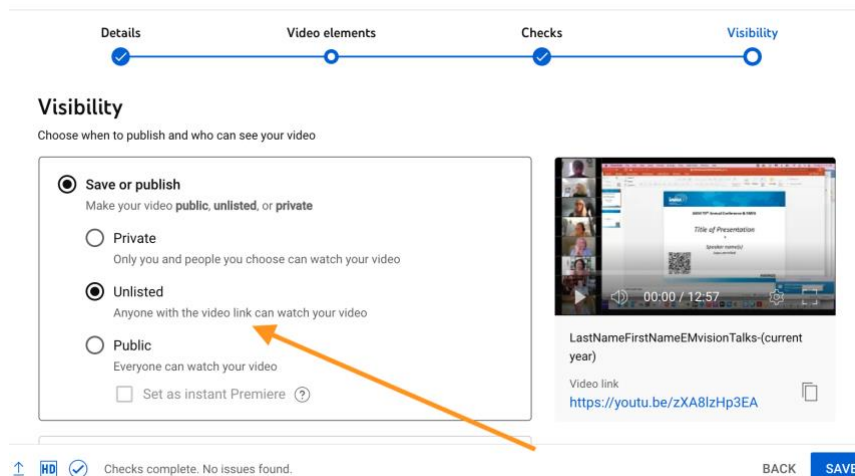
3. Name your video with your “LastNameFirstNameEMvisionTalks2026”
 - e.g. ElliottBethanyEMvisionTalks2026, then click the “NEXT” button.



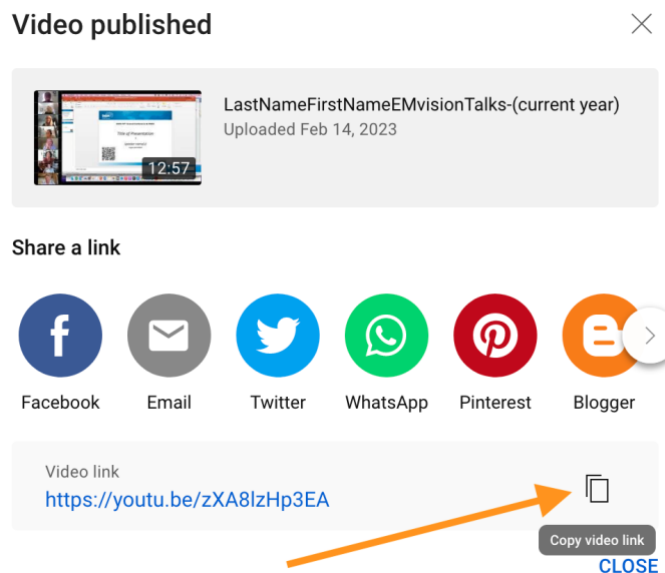
4. Select the “Audience” to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and/or other laws, then click on the “NEXT” button.



5. On the Visibility page, select **Unlisted** so that anyone with the link can watch the video without it being public. This allows our selection committee to view your video. Then click the **SAVE** button.



6. When your video upload is done processing, click on the copy link icon, then paste this link following the instructions provided in Round 2.



Important Dates for Speakers

Event	Date
Call for EMvision Talks® speakers opens	April 27, 2026
Deadline to submit EMvision Talks® proposal	May 29, 2026 at 11:59:59 PM EST
IAEM notifies speakers of Round 2 selections	June 26, 2026
Deadline to submit EMvision Talks® Round 2 video of proposed Talk	July 24, 2026
IAEM notifies speakers of final EMvision Talks® selection	August 21, 2026
Work with Conference Committee Representative to polish presentation	August 21 – September 18, 2026
Final video of Talk and visual presentations due	October 16, 2026
Mandatory practice session at conference	Monday, November 10, at 7:30pm PT
On-site arrival time prior to Talk in general session room	30 minutes prior to start of general session on Tuesday, November 10

General Contact Information

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