

## **Review Process and Criteria Used for Selecting Abstracts**

The process for the Research and Evaluation and Policy and Practice stream abstracts will be the same. Authors should submit their abstract to [info@carsp.ca](mailto:info@carsp.ca) and identify their stream choice, however, those responsible for the conference program may move an abstract from one stream to another depending on the abstract's content.

A minimum of three reviewers will review the abstract to determine whether it meets the abstract selection criteria, which are:

### **Research and Evaluation Stream Criteria:**

1. Research topic is innovative and relevant to safety
2. Quality of the research is acceptable (methods, data collection, analysis)
3. Results are useful, and conclusions valid
4. Quality of the writing is acceptable
5. Research has potential long-term reference value

### **Policy and practice Stream Criteria**

1. Paper topic is of interest to delegates
2. The quality of the Program or policy rationale (please see "Program or Policy Rationale" below)
3. Quality of the work is acceptable (objectives, target groups, activities, deliverables)
4. Quality of the writing in the abstract.
5. Deliverables are useful and applicable

#### **\* Program or Policy Rationale**

*What was the problem/issue you were addressing?*

*What is the justification or rationale for this program or policy, namely,*

- i) a needs assessment or evidence that the problem exists*
- ii) a generally-accepted theory that the program conceptually makes sense, (e.g. deterrence theory), and*
- iii) previous research evidence of effectiveness of similar type of program elsewhere?*

Following this review, the author will be notified whether the abstract has been accepted or if any changes to paper stream have taken place.