

# Hydrogen Safety Journal

Authors Guide



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### 1. DESCRIPTION

The Hydrogen Safety Journal aims to provide a leading platform for publishing high-quality interdisciplinary papers on basic and applied research related to safety of hydrogen technologies and applications. Types of article published by this journal include original research, applied research, perspectives, short communications, and review papers. All papers should include some elements of product safety thinking and should clearly demonstrate that they are addressing topics related to hydrogen technologies risk assessment, risk management, hydrogen combustion phenomenology, and codes & standards.

The areas and topics covered by the journal include but are not limited to:

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- Applied research
- Solid-state hydrogen storage materials dust cloud explosions and combustion characterization
- Hydrogen storage materials' reactivity and safety
- Accident sequence development and quantification (e.g., hydrogen leak scenarios leading to fires and explosions, etc.).
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- Hydrogen safety best practices, training, and communications
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- Hydrogen supply chain risk management
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- Safety of hydrogen storage tanks
- Hydrogen products safety (e.g., PEM fuel cells, portable hydrogen generators)
- Unmanned aerial vehicles power by hydrogen
- All-electric aircraft powered by hydrogen and fuel cells
- Safety of hydrogen-based mobile and portable applications (e.g., forklifts, generators, etc.)
- Hydrogen safety codes and standards

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