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What's New in May – Please visit our [What's New](#) page and our [Online Resource Library](#) which are updated on a monthly basis.

Online Training programs – Safe-wise Consulting and RiskManager.net have teamed up to bring you the tools and resources you need to address the risk management needs for your youth-serving organization. Please visit our [What's New](#) page for more on this exciting new service.

Summer Aquatic Safety – Safe-Wise Consulting recently posted a new [Safety Reminder](#) that provides direction for your summer aquatic safety efforts.

Lightning Safety – Do rubber car tires protect you from lightning? When playing outdoors with threatening thunderstorms is it okay to finish the game before seeking shelter and other questions/myths are discussed in [Lightning Myths](#). Summer weather safety is important and Safe-Wise has [helpful resources available](#) to help you prepare.

When Push Turns to Shove: How to Help Bullies and their Targets - A Webinar that will address the impact adults have on bullying - both in causing youth bullying and preventing and stopping bullying will be offered on June 3, 2009. [Info and free registration here](#) and a [fact sheet here](#).

There were 5,488 fatal occupational injuries in 2007 and 1.2 million injuries involving days away from work in 2006, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. We do not hope to discourage you with these statistics, but rather to suggest to you that it's time to evaluate your staff safety efforts. Summer is a busy time for many nonprofits. It is also traditionally a time that sees the highest rates of employee injuries. Take time during your summer staff training to provide a [good safety orientation to staff](#), that will help them be safe. Safety is an attitude that when embraced by staff will keep them safe and help to prevent accidents for everyone.

Are your staff defensive drivers? Make sure they are by providing good training and having a [transportation plan](#) in place. Take time to refresh good driving habit with three basic techniques for defensive driving and accident prevention:

The two-second rule: Drivers should stay at least two seconds behind the driver in front. In bad weather, add more time. Better yet, use three seconds, especially in traffic and when loaded with passengers.

Remember to pass safely – Follow the rules of the road such as looking for a broken yellow lines and check to see if any traffic is coming toward you. Do not pass unless you can see far enough ahead. And if you are being passed, slow down if the other vehicle needs extra room to pass you safely.

Keep cool and alert in traffic – Organizations should support their drivers by ensuring other supervision is on every vehicle to help manage passenger behavior. Navigating through heavy traffic is both hazardous and stressful. Drivers need to free form distractions in the vehicle so they can react quickly.

Good driving training helps them refresh their defensive driving techniques, emergency plans and discusses problem areas such as intersections, parking lots and of course backing vehicles.

Hand washing can help prevent the spread of many communicable diseases. Staff and participants should be reminded to practice good hygiene and [hand washing practices](#).

Prevent tick bites while working outdoors - Ticks can be more than just a nuisance to those who work outside - they can cause serious illnesses, including Lyme Disease. OSHA has resource information on these potential hazards and how to prevent them in the [Working Outdoors in Warm Climates](#) fact sheet.

Health guidance for the Swine Flu, including fact sheets on [How to Protect Workers from Pandemic Influenza](#) and [How to Protect Yourself at Work](#) are now available.

Learn more about these and other topics in the [Online Resource Library](#)

Safe-Wise on the Road – Safe-Wise is presenting Summer Camp and Aquatic Safety Workshops at various locations as the summer program season approaches; visit our [What's New](#) page to see where. Are you interested in hosting a regional or local training program? Call Safe-Wise today. Live Web broadcasts are also available.