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Flu concerns continue to be a hot topic throughout the US as the heart of flu season rapidly approaches. The CDC reports that there is widespread flu activity throughout the US with doctor visit rates and deaths both at above average levels for this time of year. Most of all problematic cases have been confirmed to be H1N1 which continue to be responsive to current vaccines. Your organization should review the Safe-Wise **Critical Topic Update on H1N1** in our [Online Resource Library](#) and other information available from the [CDC](#) and [Flu.gov](#)

H1N1 Guidance for Community and Faith-based Organizations – Is a new guide from the federal government focuses on the important role of community and faith-based organizations in H1N1 flu response and prevention. The guide provides specific action steps that organizations can take to help keep your communities healthy, such as communicating effectively, supporting vaccination efforts and reaching out to vulnerable populations. The guide is available at [Flu.gov](#)

Fraud 101 – The Real Cost of Doing Business - According to Bob Brown of the [CPA Solution](#) whether your company is a business or a non-profit organization, if it has been around for 200 years or 2 days, there is a threat to your organization that the majority of owners, CEO's and board members are reluctant to confront. [Read more here](#)

Financial Management Planning - Many nonprofit organizations lack a cohesive financial management plan or are challenged by working with one. [The Nonprofit Risk Management Center](#) has a useful online tool called [My Financial Management Plan](#) that can help leaders update or develop the components of their financial management systems and integrate these components into a cohesive plan. It is a powerful tool to turn financial management strategies, policies and protocols into a plan that will help your nonprofit demonstrate both competence and accountability.

Swimmer management is key to preventing aquatic incidents. Organizations should swim test and ability-level band all youth participants to help ensure they are properly protected from exceeding their abilities in the water. The use of US Coast Guard Type II personal floatation devices (PFD) should be used for all swimmers whose height does not allow their shoulders to be above the water level. This recent article from [Aquatics International](#) magazine explores one pool manager's work with swimmer management:

[Jacket Required: An Operator Explains Why Her Park Requires Life Jackets](#)

Distracted driving is a factor in 25 to 30 percent of all traffic crashes. Since drivers make more than 200 decisions during every mile traveled, it's critical for employers to stress that when driving for work, safe driving is their primary responsibility. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that distracted driving is responsible for about 80 percent of all motor vehicle accidents on American roads. The National Safety Council says cell phone use while driving is

a "high risk" activity and a leading cause of inattention behind the wheel. Safe-Wise Consulting has two resources available in its [Resource Library](#) that can help your organization manage transportation safety: [Guidelines for Reducing Motor Vehicle Crashes](#) and a [Sample Transportation Policy](#). The sample policy includes guidelines for cell phone use by drivers.

Resilience in Risk Management - Sound risk management requires more than the ability to imagine a wide range of future scenarios; it requires planning to survive the circumstances that no one is able to predict with absolute precision. These concepts and others are described by Melanie Herman, Director of the Nonprofit Risk Management Center, in her recent [E-News](#) article. Learn more about these and other topics in the [Online Resource Library](#)

This month's issue of *Safety Insights* is now available [Online](#).

Topics include:

- H1N1 Guidance for Community and Faith-based Organizations
- Fraud 101 – The Real Cost of Doing Business
- Financial Management Planning
- Swimmer management
- Distracted driving
- Resilience in Risk Management

The following resources have been added to the [Online Library](#):

- [Distracted Driving Statement](#)
- [Eye Wash Station Guidelines](#)
- [Nonprofit Organization Flu Planning Checklist](#)
- [Safety Tips for Spas, Hot Tubs, and Whirlpools](#)
- [Safe-Wise Lifeguard Pledge](#)
- [Sample Incident Handling Procedures and Forms](#)
- [Sample Subpoena Handling Guidelines](#)
- [Sample Transportation Policy](#)
- [Sample Transportation Program Forms](#)
- [Ten Strategies for Preventing Aquatic Accidents](#)