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The Child Welfare Information Gateway connects child welfare and related professionals to comprehensive information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families. The listing of [Child Abuse Reporting Numbers](#) is a useful resource to include with your organization's youth protection program.

Slips, trips and falls are among the leading types of accidents for many businesses. They can account for many general liability claims and the majority of workers compensation costs. Slips are primarily caused by a slippery surface and can be compounded by wearing the wrong footwear. While these types of accidents are common, they can be prevented through training, good housekeeping, signage and care. The following tips will help your organization prevent these common injuries. The [Prevention of Slips Falls](#) tip sheet is published in the [Online Resource Library](#) and an article from [Athletic Business](#) discusses [Preventing Slips and Falls with Older Members](#).

USA Swimming Athlete Protection Programming - USA Swimming is committed to fostering a safe and positive environment for all of its members. Their newly strengthened rules, policies, reporting structure, education and tools are intended to serve members, organizations and athletes. Read more [HERE](#).

Cybersecurity is important to today's organizations as they are regularly bombarded with threats. Managers are frequently challenged by botnets, malware, worms and hacking. A clear methodology for prioritizing and addressing cybersecurity risks can help deal with these daily issues. [Risk Management magazine](#) can be a very good resource to your organization and recently published [The 5 Steps of a Cybersecurity Risk Assessment](#) which outlines good practices of help control your threats.

New standards for swimming pools were included in the recently revised ADA regulations that were signed on July 23, 2010 by Attorney General Eric Holder. The official text was published in the Federal Register on September 15, 2010. These final rules will take effect March 15, 2011. Compliance is permitted as of September 15, 2010, but not required until March 15, 2012. The Department has prepared fact sheets identifying the major changes in the rules. More information is available from the [Federal Government](#), the [US Access Board](#) and is also published in the [ADA Guidebook for Pools](#).

Winter preparations have begun in some areas of the country. As staff prepare for the winter snow-load, the [US Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (CPSC) reminds us to be safe when using snow-throwers. Finger amputations involving snow-throwers are fairly common and the CPSC reports that there are nearly 6,000 emergency room-related injuries associated with snow-throwers each year. A [Snow-Thrower Safety Fact Sheet](#) from the CPSC is posted in the [Online Resource Library](#).

Social media can be a double-edged sword. It allows organizations to reach customers in a whole new way and can be a promotional tool, distribution network, client database and focus group all in one. On the other hand, there are many risks. In [The Upside and Downside of Social Media](#), [Risk Management](#) magazine explores the [potential reputation damage](#), [legal liability](#) and [employee workplace issues](#) that can all harm any business — while also offering [15 tips](#) to help you avoid the pitfalls.

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