Safety Insights

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Visit the Risk Management Village - Safe-Wise Consulting and its service partners will be hosting the RM Village at the YMCA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah - July 8-11, 2010. Stop by booth #120 and learn more about how these leaders in nonprofit risk management can support your organization. Visit RM Village for more.

2010 Risk Management & Finance Summit for Nonprofits - The Nonprofit Risk Management Center will host its sixteenth annual conference this October 10-12 at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia. The conference offers nonprofit leaders and risk managers an opportunity to access exceptional training and networking opportunities. NRMC is the preferred risk management partner of YMCA of the USA and will be offering several YMCA-Specific workshops at this year's conference. Learn more about the 2010 Summit here.

2010 Fire Season Outlook calls for increase in wildfire activity in parts of Western US - The National Interagency Fire Center has warned of increased fire risk this summer for several western states. Parts of the desert Southwest, northern Great Lakes and Gulf Coast are also facing above-normal chances of significant wildfires. Considerations for Wild Fire Season Preparations has been added to the Online Resource Library for more information.

SwimSafeID neck bands offer a simple and highly visible way for Lifeguards to know who belongs in the deep end at a glance. Based on tested swimming competence, swimmers wear the allocated color breakaway bands around the neck. This allows for easy spotting of any swimmer's skill level while in the pool. Samples are available upon request. <u>Learn more here</u>.

4 Summer Safety Topics – The <u>Safe-Wise Online Resource Library</u> contains a wealth of knowledge for your organization. Here are a few of the many resources that can help you manage the risks associated with summer youth programs:

Aquatic Safety - Controlling Illnesses in Pools - Recreational waterborne illnesses have been on the rise in recent summers and your organization should be prepared to protect, patrons, staff and your reputation from this type of public health incident. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are an important component of your aquatic safety practices. PFDs should be used for all boating programs and activities. They should also be used as part of your recreational swimming and safety education programs. More information about PFDs is available here.

Emergency Preparedness - Summer is lightning season, help prepare by reviewing and following these <u>Lightning Safety Tips</u>

Health Topics - <u>Hand Washing</u> is important in preventing the spread of many communicable illnesses. Summer is tick season; help protect youth and staff with this <u>Lyme Disease Fact Sheet</u>

Staff Safety - Staff needs to be aware of how to protect their safety and health during outdoor activities the <u>Sun Protection Fact Sheet</u> and <u>Heat Stress Fact Sheet</u> will keep staff and youth safe.