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**There is Still Room for YOU at the 2010 Risk Management and Finance Summit** is scheduled for October in Philadelphia. The Summit is an annual opportunity for nonprofit leaders to come together for exceptional learning and networking. Visit the Summit [Webpage](#) for conference details. This year's Summit features several YMCA-specific workshops including:

*Making Risk Management Part of Your Y*, featuring: John Flynn, YMCA of Philadelphia and Vicinity and *Youth Protection for Ys: Reviewing and Renewing Our Commitment to Youth*, featuring: LuAnn Aversa, YMCA of Hunterdon County, NJ.

**Drowning may look differently than you think...** see [HERE](#)

**Injuries from Soccer Goals Hospitalize 120 People Annually** - According to the Soccer Industry Council of America, over 16 million persons in the US play soccer at least once a year and there are approximately 500,000 soccer goals in use. Many of these soccer goals are unsafe because they are unstable and are either unanchored or not properly anchored or counter-balanced. These movable soccer goals pose a risk of tipping over to children who climb on goals (or nets) or hang from crossbars. [Soccer goals should be securely anchored](#) to fields or stored in a manner to prevent tipping and accidentally injury. Programs may consider [Goal Alert](#) to help prevent soccer goal injuries.

The majority of accidents do not occur during soccer matches. Most occur when the goals are unattended. Therefore, it is imperative that all goals be stored properly when not being used. The [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) recommends the following:

- Take appropriate steps to secure goals when not in use ([see here](#))
- Securely anchor or counter-weight movable soccer goals at all times
- Check for structural integrity and proper connecting hardware before every use
- Never allow anyone to climb on the net or goal framework
- Ensure safety/warning labels are clearly visible
- Movable soccer goals should only be used on level fields

**Safe Chemical Practices are important for Pools and Spas.** Aquatic facilities often use and store many types of chemicals onsite. None can be more problematic than the chemicals that are used for pool and spa sanitation. Along with proper training of staff, [handling and storage practices](#) are keys to preventing accidents and injuries. More information is also available from the [American Chemistry Council](#).

**October is National Fire Prevention Month** and is a great time to make fire prevention a topic all around your organization. Safety training [refreshers](#) for staff, [emergency procedure](#) review, [exit route planning](#), activities for children and [emergency drills](#) can be tied into the theme and strengthen your facility's level of preparedness. For more information on fire prevention activity ideas contact your local fire department to foster a strong relationship or look [HERE](#).

**Y-USA publishes *Aquatic News Flash*** that focuses on "Remaining Vigilant", along with practices that can help keep members and program participants safe. Read more [HERE](#) and visit the [Resource Library](#) for more aquatic safety information.

**Add Some Sizzle to Your Training Calendar** with a Webinar for the Nonprofit Risk Management Center. During the webinar scheduled for October 6 the topic of [\*Got Resources? Risk and Reward in Resource Development\*](#) will be explored.

**Over 200,000 children suffer playground injuries each year.** Many playground injuries can be prevented. Playgrounds should be regularly inspected so that youth can run, jump, swing and slide to their heart's content—safely. Visit the [Resource Library](#) for [Playground Safety Materials](#) and a Top [Ten Checklist](#) from the [National Safety Council](#).

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**Notes from the Field** has been added to the [What's New](#) section of our Website.

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