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Online Staff Training is coming of age. Many organizations are now supplementing face-to-face staff training with online training. Online training allows staff to complete training on their schedule, ensures a high level and consistency of instruction, and allows the organization to track training effectively. Nonprofits are learning what some other youth-serving organizations and corporations have known for years: online training can save time, money and help you equip your staff more effectively. Safe-wise is currently developing an entire library of online safety training for YMCAs and other nonprofits. Samples of current courses are available [HERE](#).

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](#).

Ladder safety is always important. Refreshing safety practices can help prevent accidents as staff prepares facilities for winter. Before making a climb it's essential to know and follow safe work practices in selecting, inspecting, and setting up a ladder. [Ladder Safety Tips](#) has been added to the [Online Resource Library](#).

Eye injuries in Racquetball can be greatly reduced by the use of protective eyewear. Facilities should post signage that encourages their players to wear eye protection. Many facilities also have such protective eyewear available for loan or sale at their facilities.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has launched [PoolSafely.gov](#). The Website offers information about the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act and the *Pool Safely* education campaign. [Read more HERE](#).

"Truddy" Groups can be an important part of your youth protection plan. Gary Forster reports in his recent newsletter that the Magdalena Ecke FamilyYMCA, San Diego has creatively expanded on the idea of a "Buddy System" for youth programs. They enforce the YMCA "Rule of Three" concept by teaching youth to use the "Truddy System" (groups of three). The YMCA reports that they get child-to-child accountability all day, and more relationship building opportunities.

Guard against internet fraud and inappropriate behavior with [OnGuard Online](#) from the federal government. Topics include online training, [avoiding scams](#), [computer disposal](#), [computer security](#), [email scams](#), [identity theft](#), [kids' privacy](#), [laptop security](#), [malware](#), [p2p security](#), [phishing](#), [social networking sites](#), [spyware](#), [VOIP](#) and [wireless security](#).

Get resources to reduce the risks for youth online at [Net Cetera](#) . Kids have many ways of socializing and communicating online, but they come with certain risks. The Website and available (free) guide covers what adults & kids need to know, where to go for more information, and issues to raise with kids about living their lives online.

Find resources about online harassment for youth who have questions or have been targeted at [CyberBully411.org](#).

Y-USA will host a Webinar on workers' compensation on Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. CT. Tom Scully, General Counsel for The Zenith, a worker's compensation insurance company, will explain how to navigate worker's compensation law, including what Ys can do to better manage claims. To register, click here: [HERE](#).

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

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

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