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**Adopt a Total Ban on PED Use While Driving.** In a recent article from the Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMC](#)) Melanie Lockwood Herman discusses the idea of adopting a complete ban on the use of personal electronic devices (PEDs) while driving. This National Safety Council ([NSC](#)) explains the danger of PED use while driving in their [Hands-Free is Not Risk-Free](#) publication. PEDs include both handheld and hands-free devices, which are both incredibly dangerous and lead to about 26% of all car crashes. Implementing a "total ban" on the use of PEDs while driving won't necessarily be easy. But the good news is that you don't need to go it alone. The NSC developed a [handy toolkit containing policy and communications tools](#) to help you get underway. The kit includes tools for educating employees about the risks of hands-free and handheld phone use while driving, and tips for gaining staff buy-in. The NRMC invites you to reduce safety risks by joining nonprofit leaders in adopting a total ban on PED use while driving. [JOIN HERE](#) and remember to forward this to other nonprofit leaders. Read more about the risks of PED use while driving [HERE](#).

**The Barracuda can help to keep you safe.** The [Barracuda™ Intruder Defense System](#) is helping keep classrooms and public buildings safe in the event of an active shooter situation. The Barracuda™ is a security device that can be installed in a matter of seconds in emergency situations to protect occupants against building intruders. The system is available in three configurations to ensure a perfect fit for the doors in your facility. One of the challenges in "lockdown" situations is securing the room and the Barracuda is designed to do just. Lockdown protocols should be part of your emergency planning. Learn more [HERE](#).

**Put the power to Prevent Bullying in your hand.** Parents and caregivers are a child's first and best teacher. Youth are listening and remembering your advice, even when it seems like they are not paying attention. In fact, spending 15 minutes a day listening and talking with a child can help build the foundation for a strong relationship and provide reassurance that they can come to you with a problem. It can also help youth recognize and respond to bullying. [KnowBullying](#) is a new mobile app by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ([SAMHSA](#)) which can help get the conversation started. The app provides tips on talking about school, work, relationships, life, and bullying. You can help prevent bullying and increase communication with youth anytime you have 15 minutes together. Read more [HERE](#).

**Plan now to participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April.** The national effort and help you to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. More about the about the history of the month and sample strategies for engaging communities and supporting families is available from the [US Department of Health and Human Services](#). Events and activities can be tied into regular program efforts, parent meetings and community activities over the month of April.

**Did you see this in the last E-news:**

**What do you need to know about Emergency Oxygen?** Taking the confusion out of adopting emergency oxygen protocols can help you breathe easy. Pete DeQuincy discusses how to include emergency supplemental oxygen into your organization's protocols in a recent article from [Aquatics International](#) magazine. Common questions such as "Is oxygen a prescription drug?" are discussed, along with practical implementation strategies and resources. The article helps clarify the benefits of providing emergency oxygen to a victim of an emergency incident and also lays out a clear path of how to incorporate emergency oxygen into the emergency action plan (EAP). When deciding to move forward with adopting emergency oxygen protocols, it is imperative to verify which governing bodies are empowered to regulate the use of emergency oxygen in your area. Governing bodies that could have oversight could include your city's EMS department, your city, county or state; it's important to do your homework. It is important to gather information such as what it presented in this article to assist in the decision and planning; whether or not your organization includes emergency oxygen into your EAP. Read more [HERE](#).

**Injury reporting webpage simplified, online filing now available.** To help employers comply with new requirements to report severe worker injuries, OSHA has created a streamlined [reporting webpage](#) and now offers the option of reporting incidents online. The expanded requirements took effect in January 2015. Now, in addition to reporting any worker fatality within 8 hours, employers must report within 24 hours any severe injury – defined as an amputation, hospitalization or loss of an eye. In the first year of the new requirement, OSHA received about 12,000 reports. The agency plans to release complete numbers and a full analysis of the Year One reports soon.

### **This Month's Topics:**

*Distracted Driving*  
*Barracuda Intruder Defense*  
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