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New ADA regulations will effect pools and recreational facilities. Starting May 15, 2012, all public swimming pools in the US must be equipped with assisted entry systems as part of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design. Wading pools, wave pools, leisure rivers and spas will also need to comply. These are only part of the new requirements for recreational facilities ranging from fishing piers to pools. Specific information about the requirements is available from www.ADA.gov. A hot line (800-514-0301) has also been established to help clarify the laws. Read more [HERE](#).

The Nonprofit Risk Management Center has released the 2nd edition of *Ready...or Not: A Risk Management Guide for Nonprofit Executives*. This easy-to-read, practical guide addresses topics ranging from risk awareness to calibrating risk appetite. Authored by Melanie Herman, the Center's executive director, *Ready...or Not* invites readers to embrace risk-taking in their organizations while paying close attention to stakeholder perceptions, risk communication and the relationship between risk and strategy setting. The 2nd edition features updated content throughout, including brand-new chapters on "human factors" in risk management and risk awareness/risk appetite. Learn more [HERE](#).

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has voted to restrict allowances given to unblockable drain covers in the federal pool and spa safety law. The CPSC's voting commissioners recently decided to change the definition of an unblockable drain to require that the sump, in addition to the drain cover, measure more than 18 by 23 inches and meet certain other testing criteria. Read more [HERE](#).

Organizing a Fun Run or other Road Race is tough, managing safety can be tougher. The Road Runners Club of America ([RRCA](#)) has published [Guidelines for Safe Events](#) to assist organizations in planning for a well-run and safe event. The RRCA is not a regulatory body and does sanction events. Risk management is one of the primary responsibilities of a race director and following the RRCA Guidelines will help ensure a safer event for the organization, volunteers and participants.

Enterprise risk management (ERM) has captured the attention of many corporate executives. ERM goes beyond traditional risk management, with its focus on insurable risk, to contemplate all of the risks to which an organization is exposed. Given the challenge of identifying and managing every risk exposure, many risk managers and chief risk officers who use ERM have begun to zero in on the top 10 or 12 major risks that their organization is facing, and then develop strategies to address those risks. Read more [HERE](#).

Receiving notice of a lawsuit can be challenging. Your first inclination may be to start discussing the lawsuit with staff and volunteers. Don't do it. There have been many cases where a volunteer or employee has given critical and detrimental information on a lawsuit to the other side (sometimes unintentionally, sometimes intentionally). While the plaintiff may have a relationship with your organization, you should never talk to him or her about the lawsuit. Your attorney should communicate on your behalf with the other side if it is necessary. This tip and more is available in [*The Best Defense: 10 Steps to Surviving a Lawsuit*](#) from the Nonprofit Risk Management Center.

This Month's Topics:

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