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Summer and high daytime temperatures are here. Staff, volunteers and summer program participants need to know how to prevent health problems caused by high temperatures. Organizations should provide heat stress training to staff and supervisors. Everyone should keep the following precautions in mind when spending time outdoors during daytime hours: keep hydrated (drink a glass of water every 15 to 30 minutes to prevent overheating), take breaks to cool down (at least a 10- or 15-minute break every two hours) and remember to adapt your pace to the weather. Read more [HERE](#).

Fiscal oversight, the CFO-Board partnership, and identifying and addressing financial red flags will be in the spotlight at the *Risk Management & Finance Summit for Nonprofits*. The September 18-20 conference will feature a track of finance workshops designed for seasoned finance professionals, along with tracks on Technology, Insurance, Risk Management Essentials, and Human Resources. To suggest that the *2011 Summit* offers “something for everyone” is an overstatement. The event is offered by the [Nonprofit Risk Management Center](#).

US media outlets called attention to a potentially deadly practice last summer; lifeguards texting while on duty. A recent article in *Aquatics International* magazine suggests that with summer 2011 in full swing and “there’s an app for that” mentality becoming ever more pervasive, it’s time for everyone to get serious when it comes to dealing with lifeguard cell phone use. Read more [HERE](#).

Supervision is crucial to managing key risks for summer programs. You’ve done your duty with screening and training; now’s the time to keep an eye on things to make sure that good practices are being followed. Organization leaders and supervisors must take time each and every day to observe their staff in action. Taking this time let’s you recognize good behavior and coach when poor practices are observed. Good risk management practices have to be followed all the time to prevent incidents and this can only be accomplished by constant encouragement through, supervision, drills and random audits. Look for the gaps in practices during transition times, on field trips and when special situations exist. These are the times that staff may be challenged to follow procedures or are unaware that rules are not being followed. Check out the two most recent *Safety Reminders* in the [Online Resource Library](#) to encourage good [Aquatic Safety](#) and [Youth Protection](#) practices. Use these and other resources to keep staff cognizant of good practices throughout the summer.

This Month's Topics:

Preventing Heat Illnesses
2011 Risk Management Summit
Cell Phone Use by Lifeguards
Encouraging Good Practices
Aquatic Safety
Youth Protection