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Preventing Bullying at Camp is the job of every staff member. Take a mid-summer moment to remind staff that they need to discuss camper rules and role model the behavior in these rules. Let campers know that bullying is unacceptable and won't be tolerated. Bullying usually occurs in places when counselors are not around, so it is important to make bullying a regular topic of discussion with your campers. More information can be found in the [Bullying Prevention Tip Sheet for Camp Staff](#) from the [American Camp Association](#).

Slips, trips and falls are among the leading types of accidents for many businesses. They can account for many general liability claims and the majority of workers compensation costs. Slips are primarily caused by a slippery surface and can be compounded by wearing the wrong footwear. While these types of accidents are common, they can be prevented through training, good housekeeping, signage and care. Safe-Wise Consulting has prepared a [tip sheet](#) that can help your organization prevent these common injuries.

Make sure your staff are defensive drivers by providing good training and having a transportation plan in place. Take time to refresh good driving habit with three basic techniques for defensive driving and accident prevention:

The two-second rule: Drivers should stay at least two seconds behind the driver in front. In bad weather, add more time. Better yet, use three seconds, especially in traffic and when loaded with passengers.

Remember to pass safely: Follow the rules of the road such as looking for a broken yellow lines and check to see if any traffic is coming toward you. Do not pass unless you can see far enough ahead. And if you are being passed, slow down if the other vehicle needs extra room to pass you safely.

Keep cool and alert in traffic: Organizations should support their drivers by ensuring other supervision is on every vehicle to help manage passenger behavior. Navigating through heavy traffic is both hazardous and stressful. Drivers need to free form distractions in the vehicle so they can react quickly.

Good driving training helps staff refresh their defensive driving techniques, emergency plans and discusses problem areas such as intersections, parking lots and of course backing vehicles.

Learn to “Write a Contract that Protects Your Company” with the [Pool & Spa News](#) virtual conferences. There is no such thing as a “one-size-fits-all” contract when it comes to pool and spa businesses. This conference will discuss the elements of a good contract and review the do's and don'ts of these important risk transfer vehicles. Find out more [HERE](#).

There have been 48 drownings and 75 near-drowning incidents in 35 states since Memorial Day Weekend according to the [US Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (CPSC). With such a high number of child drownings and near-drownings, the CPSC is calling for added vigilance at aquatic venues. Safe-Wise Consulting encourages a renewed emphasis on vigilance and safe operations through frequent [Aquatic Safety Quick Checks](#) and staff training. Facilities should also implement swim testing, [buddy system](#) and use of personal flotation device (PFD) protocols to help manage swimmer behavior. Additional aquatic safety resources are available in the [Online Resource Library](#) and from the [CPSC](#).

Prevent tick bites while working outdoors - Ticks can be more than just a nuisance to those who work outside - they can cause serious illnesses, including Lyme Disease. OSHA has resource information on these potential hazards and how to prevent them in the "[Working Outdoors in Warm Climates](#)" fact sheet.

This Month's Topics:

Bullying at Camp
Preventing Slips and Falls
Defensive Driving
Writing Contacts
Drowning Prevention
Preventing Tick Bites