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**Consider evaluating the trees on your property as spring approaches.** Trees are valuable assets for many organizations. They are also a long-term investment that requires careful decisions and the occasional advice and service of a professional. In the world of trees, arborists form the cadre of specialists who can safeguard your trees and save you from the long-term consequences of their neglect or the wrong decision. Selecting the right arborist for your organization's needs can be challenging. Community resources and colleges can be of great assistance. Read more [HERE](#).

**Use of ladders can be a common cause for staff injuries.** Falls from portable ladders are one of the leading causes of occupational fatalities and injuries according to the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)). Accidents occur frequently in many types of organizations and industries. Some common reasons for ladder accidents include lack of training, use of defective ladders, failure to properly inspect equipment, use of an improper ladder for the job, over-reaching and improper set up or securing of ladders. More information about ladder safety is available in the [Online Resource Library](#) and from [OSHA](#).

**Three recent Fact Sheets published by OSHA address fall prevention** during roofing operations. With the spring approaching many camp facilities will be looking to repair and renovate buildings. Staff should be aware of safety practices that can prevent injury. [Reducing Falls During Residential Construction: Roof Sheathing](#), [Reducing Falls During Residential Construction: Installing Standing Seam Metal Roofs](#), [Reducing Falls During Residential Construction: Re-Roofing](#) and other Fact Sheets can be downloaded from OSHA's [Publications Web page](#).

**A new edition of *Risk Management Essentials* is now available.** The latest edition of the Nonprofit Risk Management Center's newsletter, *Risk Management Essentials*, is now available. This special "volunteer issue" includes answers to the top questions we received about volunteers during 2011. Read the issue's [feature articles online](#) or peruse the "turn the page" edition online [HERE](#).

**Bedbugs continue to be a problem for some residence operations.** Entomologists and pest-control experts expect the problem to grow this summer as temperatures rise and vacationers increase traffic in hotels, camps and other transient facilities. Jeffrey White, an entomologist with BedBug Central in NJ here's from organizations looking to prepare for problems; "They understand that it's inevitable at this point," White said. "There's really no true prevention for bedbugs other than education." Read more [HERE](#) and in the [Safety Insights Archive](#).

**Technology risk and security continue to be issues** for businesses around the globe. Nonprofits are not immune to these risks. The top five computer security risks according to [PC magazine](#) are: *Humans* including users, errors, malicious activities and IT problems; *Malware* from various sources; *Vulnerabilities* in network security and applications; *Mobile Devices* including laptops, smart-phones and applications; and finally *Poor "Cloud" computing* security. These may not all effect your organization's operations but there are other trends to be aware of. Read more [HERE](#).

**New regulations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) come into effect this month.** [The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals](#) (APSP) has prepared a [Q & A sheet](#) with background information on recent ADA regulation changes that can assist operators to determine compliance. More information about the ADA is available [HERE](#).

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

*Assessing Trees*

*Ladder Safety*

*Fall Prevention*

*Risk Management Essentials*

*Bedbugs*

*Technology Risks*

*ADA Compliance*