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Laws around the use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) are evolving. Recent court proceedings in New York highlight what now may be considered standard of care for fitness type facilities. Attorney John T. Wolohan discusses these implications in an article (“one from the Heart”) from the August issue of [Athletic Business](#). The Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division was asked whether New York’s statutory mandate requiring fitness facilities to provide an AED also required them to use it. The court’s decision was that it did and this decision, perhaps now, imposes a legal duty on club employees in New York (and potentially other states that require AEDs) to act and use the devices in an emergency. Read more [HERE](#).

Are you ready for thunderstorms? The warm, humid conditions of the summer greatly favor the development of thunderstorms, though thunderstorms can occur at any time of year. Thunderstorms may occur singly, in clusters or in lines, the most severe thunderstorms can affect one location for an extended period of time. Thunderstorms produce lightning and lightning strikes can be fatal. Lightning kills more than 70 people and injures at least 300 others each year in the United States according to the National Weather Service (NWS). Read more [HERE](#). More information on emergency preparedness is available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

Here’s a “Heads Up” on Concussions. The days of walking off a blow to the head should be over. Recent studies show the high risk for debilitating long term effects of blows to the head in sports. A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury, or TBI, caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head that can change the way your brain normally works. Concussions can also occur from a fall or a blow to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. Health care professionals may describe a concussion as a “mild” brain injury because concussions are usually not life-threatening. Even so, their effects can be serious. The CDC has created free online courses for youth sports [Coaches](#), [Parents](#) and [Athletes](#) that provide important information on preventing, recognizing, and responding to a concussion. Read more [HERE](#).

Protecting your eyes is important. Workplace eye wellness adds up to more than just grabbing a pair of safety glasses. From adjusting office lighting to maintaining protective equipment to properly flushing eyes after encountering a hazard, safety professionals and workers should take a comprehensive approach to eye wellness. After all, when it comes to protecting our vision, the stakes are high. Read more [HERE](#). September is [Eye Safety Month](#).

Nearly 100 children under 15 have drowned in swimming pools this summer, according to analysis from the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (CDC). The agency tracks drownings between Memorial Day and Labor Day as part of the [Pool Safely: Simple Steps Save Lives](#) campaign. Statistics indicate that 72 percent of the reported drownings were children younger than 5 years old, and according to media reports, an additional 106 children of that age required emergency response for near-drowning incidents. Read more [HERE](#). Aquatic safety materials are available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

New MAHC Modules are up for review. Experts are now seeking input from operators on three key pieces of the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC). The [Contamination Burden Module](#) is open for public comment through Oct. 14, along with the [Facility Design & Construction Module](#). Additionally, the public comment period for the [Lifeguarding and Bather Supervision Module](#) has been extended until Oct. 14, to accommodate requests for additional time after the end of the busy swim season. Read more [HERE](#).

Did you miss Protecting Vulnerable Populations? This Webinar was presented by Mike Gurtler of Safe-Wise Consulting as part of an ongoing series of risk management webinars through the Nonprofit Risk Management Center. The best practices for protecting members of vulnerable populations from harm caused by criminal acts, negligence and accidents was discussed. Learn more [HERE](#).

This Month's Topics:

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