



December 2013 | Volume 7 Issue 12.2

Safe-Wise Consulting wishes you all the very best of Holiday seasons.

Please enjoy the time with your family, faith and optimism for the upcoming New Year. Our offices will be closed from 12/23 – 1/3 but your staff contact will be available via email.

Safety Insights will continue to be published semi-monthly in 2014 with publishing dates near the 1st and 15th of each month. Look for your next issue on January 2, 2014. Happy New Year!

A free Bloodborne Pathogens webcast will be hosted by The American Red Cross & OSHA. "Bloodborne Pathogens — What You Need to Know to Prevent Disease Transmission in the Workplace," will be presented by the [OSHA and the American Red Cross Alliance](#) on January 8, 2014, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm EST. The webcast will include an overview of: the BBP Standard and the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, methods of compliance, recordkeeping, compliance determination, exposure control plans, personal protective equipment, and training requirements. Through their alliance, OSHA and the Red Cross are working together to help prepare employers and their workers to respond to disasters, life-threatening injuries and emergencies. Through the Alliance Program, OSHA works with groups committed to worker safety and health to prevent workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths. Register [HERE](#) for the free webcast.

Head into 2014 with Rock n' Roll n' Risk Management. Melanie Lockwood Herman and Alexandra Ricketts from the Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMCC](#)) write: "A friend of the Center, who happens to be an accomplished sound engineer, forwarded a terrific article to us this week about how the best rock n' roll roadies can do things many music fans might believe are impossible. Why? Well, one reason seems to be that roadies and members of production crews are motivated to do the impossible because the show must always go on." *Why Roadies Are Our Best Bet For Typhoon Haiyan Relief In The Philippines*, by Ruth Blatt, published at www.forbes.com, features an interview with Charlie Hernandez, a former roadie and production manager for The Police. Blatt, who writes about "the intersection of rock n' roll and business," describes how roadies and the rock concerts they support "descend upon a site and then quickly disappear. Along the way, they face technical complexity, divergent regulations, multiple vendors, language barriers, and the certainty of unforeseen obstacles." Herman and Ricketts noted the similarities between roadies and risk managers as they we read about these touring professionals. Read more [HERE](#).

Whistleblowers can now file complaints online with OSHA. Whistleblowers covered by one of the [22 statutes](#) administered by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will now be able to file complaints online. The online form will provide workers who have been retaliated against an additional way to reach out for OSHA assistance. "The ability of workers to speak out and exercise their rights without fear of retaliation provides the backbone for some of American workers' most essential protections," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "Whistleblower laws protect not only workers, but also the public at large and now workers will have an additional avenue available to file a complaint with OSHA." Currently, workers can make complaints to OSHA by filing a written complaint or by calling the agency's 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) number or an OSHA regional or area office. Workers can now go [HERE](#) to electronically submit a whistleblower complaint. Read more about your rights [HERE](#).

Now is the time to prepare for the New Year's resolution rush. Many facilities will see a significant increase in use due to the winter months and New Year's resolutions. While much of the increase in use may be attributed to members becoming more active; some can be attributed to new members or guests using the facilities. Taking the time to prepare can help prevent issues. Read more [HERE](#).

This Month's Topics:

Safe-Wise Holiday Hours

Safety Insights in 2014

Bloodborne Pathogens Webcast

Risk and Roll Risk Management

Whistleblower Reporting

New Year's Resolutions