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Risk in the Cloud: Keep Your Assets Protected When Flying High is the title of the next installment of the 2013 risk webinar program from the Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMCC](#)). This webinar, offered on March 6th will explore security risks in a cloud computing environment and offer actionable tips and recommendations to smooth your transition to the cloud. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

New resources can help with Hazard Communication compliance. Two new compliance assistance resources are available for employers to assist them in meeting the requirements of OSHA's revised Hazard Communication Standard. A new [fact sheet](#) discusses the training topics that employers must cover for the initial Dec. 1, 2013 deadline. By this date, employers must train workers on the new label elements and safety data sheet format. In addition, a new OSHA [brief](#) explains the new labeling elements, identifies what goes on a label, and describes what pictograms are and how to use them. OSHA's updated standard, which is aligned with the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, provides a common and coherent approach to classifying chemicals and communicating hazard information on labels and safety data sheets. The revised standard is improving the quality and consistency of hazard information in the workplace, making it safer for workers by providing easily understandable information on appropriate handling and safe use of hazardous chemicals. Additional information and resources are available on OSHA's [Hazard Communications page](#).

The American Camp Association (ACA) responds to the issue of public violence. Peg Smith, ACA CEO reports that the ACA's leadership groups have and will continue to seriously deliberate on the issue of camp security. "We must act — but informed and cogent action is imperative. I do believe we will see both short- and long-term solutions emerge as a country and as a camp community. The problem is too complex to result in one solution; instead, the solution may be a series of powerful, impactful changes in regulation, access, procedures, behavior, and culture. We must do our best to protect our children. They are the future. To do anything less is incredibly careless and foolish." Smith noted. Resources and updates can be found at a [new page on ACA's Website](#). This page will serve as the main point of reference for all of the materials, advice, and resources.

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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Property Management: Trees