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Risk SUMMIT will convene in Boston. The *2013 Risk SUMMIT* will convene this August 25-27, 2013 in Boston, MA. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this annual gathering of nonprofit and insurance industry professionals dedicated to best-in-class risk management. We will bring back a few favorite features of past SUMMITS, and introduce a few others. Loyal attendee pricing and online booking at the conference venue will be available next week. In the meantime, we want to express our deep thanks for the companies that have already signed on as Corporate Sponsors of the conference. Read more [HERE](#).

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! Summer program preparation should include planning for outdoor safety during lightning season. The *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)* sponsors [Lightning Safety Week](#) from June 23-29, 2013. NOAA offers handouts, indoor safety and outdoor risk reduction tips, teacher tools, kids page and more at their [Website](#). Additional [Safety Tips](#) are available from the National Weather Service or in the [Online Resource Library](#).

Spring means baseball for many people and safety in youth programs is important. Baseball is one of the most popular US sports. The rates of injury for baseball and softball are relatively low compared to other sports, but the degree of injury severity is relatively high. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently revised its policy statement on youth [Baseball and Softball](#). The AAP recommends prevention of throwing injuries by instructing kids on proper throwing mechanics, training and conditioning, and encouraging athletes to stop playing and seek treatment when signs of [overuse injuries](#) arise. Additional AAP recommendations include the use of protective gear, [eye protection](#), helmets, coach's emergency training and preparing for thunderstorms and lightning. Read more [HERE](#). Additional baseball safety information is available from Little League International through their [Safety Awareness Program](#).

Stop Bullying Now is an effective resource for bullying prevention programs. From high-school and middle-school youth activists, to community organizations and after-school programs, the Stop Bullying Now! Activities Guide has something for everyone. Activities can be adapted for most group, programs and communities. The goal of the program is to spread the word about bullying prevention and for youth to have fun doing it. Read more [HERE](#).

When seconds matter, can your lifeguards move quickly enough? This question and more is answered in a recent Aquatics International article by Pete DeQuincy. The author outlines a drill program that will help lifeguards respond with speed and accuracy to incidents. DeQuincy writes: "As we move closer to summer, it's time to energize the winter staff and get them working as a well-oiled lifeguarding machine. There are several dry-land skills that every lifeguard should be proficient at before transitioning into the water." Land drills are important part of your response training and compliment your training in incident prevention and vigilance. Read more [HERE](#).

Where do your Eye Wash stations go? Think about placing eyewash stations in some easily forgotten locations. When an injury occurs, immediate and proper treatment can make a significant difference in the outcome. Do you have eyewash stations in the right places? Our eyes provide us with our primary means of experiencing our surroundings. Commonly referred to as our windows to the world, each eye is a complex organ, comprised of 40 components and more than 100 million receptors. They also are delicate, and therefore susceptible to injury from a range of common workplace hazards such as dust, flying debris, chemicals and harmful vapors. A recent article in EHS magazine discusses how to help workers in times of emergency, read more [HERE](#). Additional [Eye Wash info](#) is available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

ADA Lawsuits Feared as Deadline Passes. As public pool owners and operators sit at the threshold of the ADA compliance deadline, some anticipate the immediate filing of lawsuits against companies that haven't retrofitted their facilities. Though the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed and signed in 1990, the federal government didn't release specific language pertaining to public pools and spas until it published its 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The language states that public pools measuring less than 300 linear feet in perimeter must have at least one means of entry to accommodate disabled individuals. Pools with more than 300 perimeter feet need two methods of access. A recent article from Aquatics International magazine discusses some operators' concerns, read more [HERE](#). More information is available at the [ADA Website](#) and in the [Online Resource Library](#). Have a questions about if you need a pool or spa lift? Read more [HERE](#).

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