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**Safety breaks at pools can help prevent aquatic incidents.** Implementing hourly break periods (5-10 minutes) during recreation swims is encouraged by the Centers for Disease Control ([CDC](#)) to help reduce fecal accidents and incidence of recreational water illnesses ([RWIs](#)) by allowing time for youth to use restrooms. During these breaks the entire pool is cleared of swimmers for the rest period. These breaks can also help maintain lifeguard alertness by giving guards time to regroup, refresh and rotate positions. Other benefits include encouraging all staff and swimmers at outdoor pools to use the time to hydrate, apply sunscreen and for groups to ensure all members are accounted for. More information on summer pool safety is available [HERE](#).

**NOAA predicts active 2013 Atlantic hurricane season.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([NOAA](#)) is forecasting an active or extremely active season this year. For the six-month hurricane season, which begins June 1, NOAA's Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook says there is a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 7 to 11 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher). These ranges are well above the seasonal average of 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes. Three climate factors that strongly control Atlantic hurricane activity are expected to come together to produce an active or extremely active 2013 hurricane season. Read more [HERE](#) about this year's hurricane season. Read more [HERE](#) for hurricane planning information.

**He Posted WHAT on Facebook?!** Is the title of a recent article by Chris Croll of the Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMC](#)). In the article Croll asks: "Is your organization among the 97% of nonprofits in the US that use Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other social media as a key part of your communications and development efforts?" If so, you should be thinking about how best to protect your organization from any number of risks that are unique to social networks. 5 steps to help you get started are listed [HERE](#).

**Water safety information is available online** from the Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)) and the Centers for Disease Control ([CDC](#)). Drowning continues to be the second leading cause of accidental death among youth in the US. Swim instruction, active supervision and other safety practices can reduce the probability of aquatic incidents. Both organizations look to assist swimmers, families and pool operators in having positive experiences at aquatic facilities this summer. Information for preventing illnesses, managing facilities and reducing incidents is available for download. Read more [HERE](#).

**Flammable and combustible substances should be properly stored** in order to prevent accidents and incidents at facilities. A flammable/combustible is any substance that is easily ignited, burns intensely, or has a rapid rate of flame spread. For regulatory convenience, flammable and combustible liquids are defined together as any liquid with a flash point below 140° F. Staff should identify and inventory these various products and ensure they are properly stored or disposed of. Each product usually has its storage information listed on container labels or in the [Safety Data Sheet](#). Sample storage guidelines, based on criteria from various standards and codes, are available in the [Online Resource Library](#). Read more [HERE](#).

**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](#).

**This Month's Topics:**

*Pool Safety Breaks*

*Hurricane Season*

*Social Media Use*

*Aquatic Safety Information*

*Flammable and Combustible Storage*

*Risk Management Summit for Nonprofits*