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**Prevent tick bites while working outdoors** - Ticks can be more than just a nuisance to those who work outside - they can cause serious illnesses, including Lyme Disease. OSHA has resource information on these potential hazards and how to prevent them in the "[\*Working Outdoors in Warm Climates\*](#)" fact sheet.

**Risk SUMMIT will convene in Boston.** The *2013 Risk SUMMIT* will convene from August 25-27, 2013 in Boston, MA. What are you waiting for? The average conference attendee walks away with 5 to 20 solid contacts. Make new connections. Join top nonprofit sector leaders and register for the [2013 Risk SUMMIT](#) before the early bird rate expires on July 27. Attendees will enjoy a provocative keynote featuring former Massachusetts Attorney General, Scott Harshbarger. Other informative risk management workshops include: "Top 10 Risk Lessons from Tech Disasters," "Effective Crisis Communications," "ERM Governance and Oversight," and "CFO & Risk Manager Superheroes". View the entire [2013 Risk SUMMIT](#) program [HERE](#).

**Some infections can spread quickly at camps and sports programs.** MRSA (Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*) and other skin infections are highly transferable. MRSA infections, as with all staph, are usually spread by having contact with someone's skin infection or personal items they have used, like towels, bandages, or razors that touched their infected skin. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends frequent hand washing (with soap and water), maintaining a clean environment, avoiding sharing of personal items and the use of personal protection in health centers as key procedures in preventing the spread of infections such as MRSA. The American Camps Association (ACA) recommends that programs establish good hygiene policies, train staff and partner with local health agencies to ensure outbreaks do not occur. More information is available from the [CDC](#) and in the [Online Resource Library](#).

**It's Time to Put the Smartphone Down.** It's not you; it's the other guy. You're not the one who fumbles for your phone at a red light, quickly scanning the screen for incoming messages and alerts. The light hasn't changed yet, so you have time to quickly type a response. How addicted are we to our cell phones and other mobile devices? The better question might be, Who isn't? And worse, consider who is getting hurt or even killed in the process. Eventually, insurance companies are going to start to notice, and if you think they won't start taking steps to protect themselves from our stupidity at the hands of our devices, well, here's an app that can cure you of that thinking... Read more [HERE](#). Download the Distracted Driving statement in the [Online Resource Library](#) [HERE](#).

**Slips, trips and falls are among the leading types of accidents** for many businesses. They can account for many general liability claims and the majority of workers compensation costs. Slips are primarily caused by a slippery surface and can be compounded by wearing the wrong footwear. While these types of accidents are common, they can be prevented through training, good housekeeping, signage and care. Safe-Wise Consulting has prepared a [tip sheet](#) that can help your organization prevent these common injuries.

**OSHA's Heat Safety App hits 72K downloads as temps rise.** With temperatures rising across the nation, check out [OSHA's Heat Safety Tool mobile app](#) to calculate the Heat Index for your location and get reminders about how to prevent heat illness on the job. The popular app has been downloaded by more than 72,000 people since its launch in 2011. Available in English or Spanish on your smart phone, the app is one of many resources that OSHA is offering as part of its 2013 outreach campaign. For information and resources on heat illness, visit [OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention page](#). To order quantities of OSHA's [heat illness educational materials](#) in English or Spanish, call OSHA's Office of Communications at (202) 693-1999.

**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](#).

**This Month's Topics:**

*Tick Bite Prevention*  
*Risk management Summit*  
*Preventing Communicable Disease*  
*Distracted Driving*  
*Slips and Falls*  
*Heat safety Tool*  
*Pool Safety Breaks*