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A Fall Program Safety Reminder has been added to the Safe-Wise Online Resource Library. This safety Reminder outlines good practices and safety strategies for fall operations in key risk focus area such as aquatics, child abuse prevention, facilities management and program operation. Read more [HERE](#).

A safety culture is an essential element of an effective organization. A safety culture is reflected by the commitment of personnel to safety at all levels of the organization. The key elements of a safety culture are: organizational & management commitment, training, the physical environment, staff involvement, effective communication, performance management and personal accountability. The safety culture is achieved over time, continually grows and must be nurtured through evaluation and information. The guidance of the safety culture at an organization can be lead by a [safety committee](#). More information about safety is available on the [Online Resource Library](#).

Swimming has been made safer with this headband according to a recent Yahoo News article. The [Wahooo Swim Monitoring System](#) can help prevent drowning. Swimmers wear a headband around their head, which Wahooo co-founder Dave Cutler refers to as the "bike helmet for swimming." The "Swimbands" have two sensors on each side, with a microprocessor computer in the middle. When both sides of the head are submerged, the microprocessor times it. If the Swimband is submerged for a dangerous period of time, it transmits a signal to listening devices that are around the entire swimming environment. When the Swimband is submerged for 20 seconds, the alert towers will flash yellow. After 30 seconds, the system will flash red. Read the Yahoo News article [HERE](#). Read more about Wahooo [HERE](#).

The Financial Risk Issue of Risk Management Essentials has been released by the [Nonprofit Risk Management Center](#). This issue addresses everyone's favorite source of stress: finances! Dive into the newsletter to learn about financial sustainability risks, fraud detection, the pros and cons of fiscal outsourcing, and the trick to telling your story with a compelling financial dashboard. Articles from The Financial Issue are also available online. Topics include: [Financial Sustainability](#), [Outsourcing the Finance Function in a Nonprofit](#), [Fraud Risk in Nonprofit Organizations](#) and [Financial Dashboarding](#). Download the complete issue [HERE](#).

Is staff trained in the use of portable fire extinguishers? Not all employees are willing to use a portable fire extinguisher to protect your property. There is a myriad of reasons for this. Don't allow your fire extinguisher training be the deciding factor. Scott Murray, in an article at EHS Today, discusses the elements of a good training program. Murray's article includes key fire preparation topics such as the use of pull stations, identifying exit routes and assembly areas and conducting fire drills. Read more [HERE](#).

Custodial positions can be dangerous according to the US Department of Labor (DOL) statistics. The main reason the DOL lists custodial work as one of the most dangerous jobs in the country is the use of cleaning chemicals. When used properly cleaning chemicals are relatively safe. However, accidents do happen and there are precautions that should be taken for the proper handling of cleaning solutions. Key strategies in preventing chemical handling accidents include developing a [written plan](#), employee training, [proper labeling](#), use of [safety data sheets](#) and proper storage of chemicals. Read more [HERE](#).

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