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Concern for their children's safety is heightened as children look forward Halloween. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children ([NCMEC](#)) has released a list of safety tips designed to help parents better protect their children during Halloween. The list includes well-known tips for child safety, such as wearing bright clothing while trick or treating, but also focuses on the threat of victimization on an evening when millions of children may be out in unfamiliar settings. "Safety tips are a guide for parents to follow while their children are trick or treating," said Ernie Allen, NCMEC's president. "However, we would also like to take this time to remind parents that they need to be vigilant in protecting their children and teaching them how to avoid potentially dangerous situations throughout the year. An estimated one in five girls, and one in ten boys, will be sexually victimized before reaching adulthood. We urge parents to learn more about prevention and detection of victimization by visiting our [Website](#)" he continued. Get the safety tips [HERE](#).

Managing risks at your nonprofit just got easier. In its newest edition of *Risk Management Essentials* the Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMC](#)) gives guidance on managing risks at your organization with *Operational Risk Management: a Word from the Wise Guys*, an article by Melanie Lockwood Herman. The article discusses both enterprise risk management and the reality of operational risk management. The issue also shares insight on the effective use of a risk management committee in the article: *The Nitty Gritty of a Risk Committee*. When more than one brain is needed to ponder a perplexing problem, forming a committee seems to be a good first step. The concept is sound and requires a little finesse but every nonprofit can recruit and deploy a committee that will strengthen, support and help sustain a strong and effective risk management program. Read more [HERE](#).

Proper maintenance is key to playground surface safety. Falls to the surface are the number one cause of injury on the playground, which is why it's so important that those surfaces are maintained regularly and composed of the appropriate materials to maximize safety and prevent serious injuries. "The most common cause for unsafe surfaces would be lack of maintenance and education about the particular type of surface they are using. The best thing a playground owner can do is to do their homework about what will be needed for their surfacing, and then come up with a program to maintain it," said Jeff Mrakovich, director of surfacing products for a PA based company that specializes in playground surfacing. A big trend exists right now toward surfaces that provide safety ratings that are below the maximum allowable limits in the ASTM F1292 standards. Read more [HERE](#).

Employed and volunteer staff is at the heart of many nonprofit organizations. Ensuring their safety and preventing injuries should be part of your organization's culture. Developing this culture does not happen by chance, it must be part of an ongoing safety effort. Your efforts toward safety should include key components of a safety program such as leadership, orientation and training on job hazards. These components of a strong safety program are part of creating your organization's culture of safety. Read more [HERE](#).

New emergency preparedness resources are available from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA is highlighting its [Emergency Preparedness and Response pages](#) to help employers keep workers safe during emergencies – including [earthquakes](#), [hurricanes](#), [tornadoes](#), [floods](#), [wildfires](#), and [winter weather](#). Also, OSHA's free [Job Safety and Health: It's the Law!](#) poster is now available online in several languages, including; [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Polish](#) and [Portuguese](#) . The poster informs workers of their rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. All covered employers are required to predominantly display the poster in their workplaces where workers can see it. For more information about the poster and how to get copies in the various languages, visit [OSHA's workplace poster Web page](#).

Did you see this in the last E-news:

1st Edition of the Model Aquatic Health Code has been released by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention ([CDC](#)). The Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) is the nation's first voluntary guideline based on scientific research and best practices to improve health and safety at aquatic facilities. The MAHC can be used by state and local governments to create a pool code that will help reduce risk for outbreaks, drownings, and injuries. Created in a collaborative effort by volunteers from public health, academia, and industry, the MAHC is an exciting step forward for the aquatics industry. Read the MAHC [HERE](#). Also read more about the new Conference for the Model Aquatic Health Code [HERE](#).

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