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A Safety Update on Ebola information was recently distributed. Public concern may be raised because of the recent West African Ebola Outbreak and US media attention to cases of Ebola in the US. Organizations should educate their staff and patrons in order to provide proper information, reduce concern and encourage any possible prevention or control measures. Safe-Wise Consulting has gathered information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) and the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)) to assist organizations. Read more [HERE](#).

States manage youth sports concussion protocols differently. Many states, schools, sports leagues and organizations have created policies or action plans on concussion in youth and high school sports. These strategies can help educate coaches and parents about this issue and may help protect children and teens from concussion and other serious brain injuries. Between 2009 and 2013, all 50 states, and the District of Columbia, passed laws on concussions in sports for youth and/or high school athletes. These laws are often called "Return to Play Laws" and generally include three action steps: education of coaches, parents and players; removing injured athletes from play; and setting protocols for returning to play. Read more about your State's law [HERE](#). More information about concussions in youth sports is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) at their Concussion [Webpage](#) and from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control [HERE](#).

Proper cleaning of fitness equipment protects patrons and the equipment. Keeping fitness facilities clean, including exercise equipment, helps to keep equipment in good working order and also can help the spread of communicable disease. There are many different methods for cleaning equipment, education about the best ways to keep equipment clean is important before selecting a method. Read more [HERE](#).

A pool UV System can help with water and air quality. For indoor aquatic facilities, there are no two bigger concerns than air and water quality. Left unmanaged, substantial harm can be done to both equipment and patrons. One defense is an industrial UV system that will control chloramines and, as a bonus, disinfect chlorine-resistant pathogens. Ultraviolet (UV) light provides a non-chemical, environmentally friendly treatment option for indoor pools and spas. Most microorganisms, even cryptosporidium and giardia, are inactivated in less than a second by relatively low doses of UV light. Additionally, UV will break down organic and inorganic pollutants in water. This is particularly true in the swimming pool industry, where a significant reduction in combined chlorine, known as chloramines, can be achieved. Read more [HERE](#).

Did you see this in the last E-news:

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](#).

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