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Do you want to be the World's Smartest Risk Manager? Then you should read a recent article by [Melanie Lockwood Herman](#) from the Nonprofit Risk Management Center (NRMC). After reading "How to Be the World's Smartest Traveler" Herman sat down to interpret her reading into the risk management field before testing her new travel smarts at the airport. Her article is written for those who aspire to be the best possible risk champion in their organization. Key points include: "Be Confident", "Have Doubt", "Look Both Ways and Be Patient", "Don't Rely on a Single Expert", "Prevent Desynchronization", "Learn to Reserve "No Can Do" as Your Last Resort", "Take Action" and of course "No Guarantees". Melanie Lockwood Herman is the Executive Director at the NRMC, her calendar of upcoming speaking engagements is available [online](#). Also available are "hot topics" for workshops in 2014. Read the full article [HERE](#).

Online training for YMCAs and other nonprofits just improved. David Adams of RM Solutions recently shared news of changes in the Risk Manager online training system. The *April Update* focuses on Summer Training and a new [overview piece](#) explains the system's YMCA training program. RM Solutions has been a leader in training solutions for nonprofits for several years. They offer easily accessible and useful trainings for a wide variety of nonprofits. Their training programs, robust system capabilities and exceptional customer service are especially popular with YMCAs across the US. Their new [YMCA Training Website](#) includes [previews](#) of YMCA specific training courses as well as a [Quick Tour](#) of the training system. With summer staff training right around the corner David and his staff is ready to assist with your training needs. View the summer training preview [HERE](#).

New Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guides are available online. The US Access Board has launched new online guides on the ADA Accessibility Standards and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Accessibility Standards. This web-based material features illustrated technical guides that explain and clarify requirements of the ADA and ABA standards, answer common questions, and offer best practice recommendations. It also includes a series of animations on various subjects covered by the standards. The [Guide to the ADA Standards](#) covers design requirements that apply to places of public accommodation, commercial facilities, and state and local government facilities subject to the ADA in new construction, alterations, and additions. The [Guide to the ABA Standards](#) addresses similar standards that apply under the ABA to facilities that are designed, constructed, altered, or leased with federal funds. Future installments to the guides will be published as they become available. Interested parties can [sign-up](#) to receive email updates on the release of new technical guides in the series.

Resources to help prevent texting while driving are available. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death on the job, accounting for more than 2 out of every 5 fatal work injuries in 2012, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The US Department of Transportation has now launched a national campaign to stop texting while driving and other distracted driving hazards. Read more HERE.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) also reminds employers that they have a responsibility to protect their workers by prohibiting texting while driving. More information from OSHA, including a Distracted Driving brochure, is available at their Distracted Driving Webpage. A sample Distracted Driving Statement for organizations is available from the Online Resource Library.

Springtime weather means the start of outdoor grilling season. Outdoor events and programs often mean that nonprofit organization staff is “working the grill”. While some staff members may be safety conscious it should not be a foregone conclusion they are prepared for the potential pitfalls of gas grills; a little training and orientation goes a long way in preventing grilling incidents. LP gas/liquid propane and natural gas are flammable. Many accidents occur after the grill has been unused over a period of time or after a grill’s LP gas container has been refilled and reattached. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) suggests that before starting the grill there are several safety precautions to keep in mind. The CPSC has published Gas Grill Safety Guidelines to provide safety education to grill users. By following these guidelines staff will help to prevent injuries and possible gas explosions or fires. For those “old school” grillers using charcoal the National Fire Protection Association has published Grilling Safety Tips. Additional program safety and fire prevention information is available in the Online Resource Library.

This Month’s Topics:

World’s Smartest Risk Manager

Online Training

ADA Resources

Distracted Driving

Outdoor Grill Safety