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The 2014 Risk SUMMIT for Nonprofits will convene this September 21-23rd in Chicago, IL. This 2.5 day conference is ideal for nonprofit leaders who want to broaden their perspective on risk, learn practical strategies for identifying and managing risk, and bring risk resources and know-how back to their mission-driven organizations. This year's conference will feature three different tracks: The *Classics* series features workshops focused around core competencies in risk management. These sessions are ideal for new risk champions as well as leaders seeking to refresh their skills and knowledge. The sessions in this track cover a wide spectrum of risk issues, from crisis management to managing reputation risk; the *New Wave* series features workshops on evolving risk issues. If you're comfortable with new sounds and rhythms, plan to attend sessions from this "genre." New Wave workshops offer the opportunity to learn "what's new" in risk management and ways to approach risk when it's impossible to fully understand the components of an emerging threat or opportunity; and finally the *Risk Remix* workshops are designed for leaders who recognize that teamwork is essential to effective risk management. Attend sessions in this genre if you are responsible for forming or leading risk teams, reporting to oversight bodies, or if you're looking for a modern, inspired approach to the perennial risk challenges facing your nonprofit. Attendees are free to mix and match as to their needs and tastes. Read more [HERE](#).

Water slides, play structures and spray features are the trend at aquatic venues and in the aquatic industry in general. These features may present new challenges to experienced aquatic facility operators. Design, safety and operational guidelines come from the amusement industry and organizations like ASTM International (formerly the American Society for Testing Materials). Manufacturers and also some states have produced operational safety guidelines and/or requirements. Some credentialing bodies that specialize in water park safety exist but the larger lifeguarding industry is only really beginning to address the need for specialized lifeguard training. Add into the mix older slides with fewer safety features and inflatables and your facility can present many safety challenges. Read more about [safe slide operation](#) and [use of inflatables](#) in the [Online Resource Library](#).

Are you ready for thunderstorms? The warm, humid conditions of the summer greatly favor the development of thunderstorms, though thunderstorms can occur at any time of year. Thunderstorms may occur singly, in clusters or in lines, the most severe thunderstorms can affect one location for an extended period of time. Thunderstorms produce lightning and lightning strikes can be fatal. Lightning kills more than 70 people and injures at least 300 others each year in the United States according to the National Weather Service (NWS). Read more [HERE](#). More information on emergency preparedness is available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

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](#).

Did you see this in the last E-news:

Is it time to replace your pool drain covers? The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGBA) was enacted by Congress in December 2007 and became law a year later in December 2008. VGBA was designed to prevent the hazard of drain entrapments and eviscerations in pools and spas. Operators have been challenged with compliance since the law's effective date. Most pools now comply with the standards. However compliance is not a one-time effort. Because the drain covers have a limited life-span many may need to be replaced in 2014. Most drain covers have a dated stamp on them. While there is no requirement in the Act that there be a specific marking on drain covers, the Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)) has asked manufacturers to mark them "VGB 2008." Some drain covers manufactured during the summer of 2008 used the ASME symbol and/or the "ASME/ANSI A112.19.8" mark. The drain cover manufacturer should provide a certification document with each drain cover stating that it complies with the requirements of the VGB Act. Your manufacturer, installer or service contractor should also be able to identify the replacement dated needed for compliant covers. If there is no mark or you are otherwise in doubt, contact the manufacturer and ask for a copy of the certificate. Read more on the VGBA at [Pool Safely](#) and on compliance at the [CPSC](#).

Child Care and Camp programs cannot deny diabetic children from attending their programs due to most medication concerns. Federal laws provide protection for children with disabilities from discrimination. State laws often impact whether non-nursing staff at child care or other programs can provide insulin injections and emergency glucagon injections. These provisions take the form of laws, regulations, or state Board of Nursing policies or guidelines and enable staff at programs to meet the needs of children with diabetes. Parents and program leaders should work together to ensure that a child with diabetes can safely and equally enjoy the program. Every [state has laws](#) that affect who can provide diabetes care. The American Diabetes Association ([ADA](#)) has [more information](#) and [training resources](#) to help develop program participation health management plans.

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