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It's Better to Miss One Game than the Whole Season according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)). The CDC has developed the *Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports* initiative to offer information about concussions and to help ensure the health and safety of young athletes. The *Heads Up* initiative provides important information on preventing, recognizing, and responding to a concussion for coaches, parents and athletes. A concussion is an injury that changes how the cells in the brain normally work. The potential for concussions is greatest in athletic environments where collisions are common. Concussions can occur, however in any organized or unorganized sport or recreational activity. As many as 3.8 million sports and recreation related concussions occur in the United States each year.

It's Time to Put the Smartphone Down. It's not you; it's the other guy. You're not the one who fumbles for your phone at a red light, quickly scanning the screen for incoming messages and alerts. The light hasn't changed yet, so you have time to quickly type a response. How addicted are we to our cell phones and other mobile devices? The better question might be who isn't? And worse, consider who is getting hurt or even killed in the process. Eventually, insurance companies are going to start to notice, and start taking steps to protect themselves from our poor behavior. Read more [HERE](#). Download the Distracted Driving statement in the Online Resource Library [HERE](#).

Cyber Liability: Internet Killed the Radio Star is the title of a recent article by Erin Gloeckner of the Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMCC](#)). While the first music video on MTV questioned the impact of new technology on the music industry, Gloeckner discusses cyber risk for nonprofits. Cyber liability risk is a complex and growing issue for nonprofit leaders. Interest in this digital dilemma is especially high because many leaders do not really understand it. Read more [HERE](#).

Did you see this in the last E-news:

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](#).

This Month's Topics:

Preventing Concussions
Distracted Driving
Cyber Liability Risk
Risk Management Summit
Water Slide Safety