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Assess your “Risk Readiness” online. Sherlock Holmes was known for his ‘Holmesian’ power of deduction; he could solve any mystery using clues that remained invisible to those around him. Many nonprofit leaders might wish for Holmes’ superpower, giving them the capacity to predict potential upside and downside risks their nonprofits might face. But the world we operate in is not that of Sherlock Holmes, and we know that accurate prediction of risk events is never fully possible. Instead of deduction and prediction, a special edition of the Nonprofit Risk Management Center’s ([NRMCMC](#)) [Risk eNews](#) focuses on another critical and more realistic nonprofit capacity: readiness. The new issue contains the [Nonprofit Risk Readiness Survey](#), which aims to assess your nonprofit’s approach to risk management, as well as its readiness to respond to possible risk events. Follow the link to take the quick survey and consider forwarding it to your colleagues at other nonprofits. The [survey will close on Thursday, August 28th](#). Until then, keep reading the *Risk eNews* and look forward to seeing the survey results in September.

Waiver Protects Facility in Basketball Game Attack Suit. A recent article by Kristi Schoepfer-Bochicchio in the June 2014 issue of Athletic Business magazine ([AB](#)) discusses the case and can provide some guidance in managing risk at athletic facilities. A member at a facility in PA was participating in a basketball game when a physical altercation broke out during the game. The member sustained a variety of injuries when four men attacked him during the game. One of the assailants was a member of the club, but the second identified by police was not a member. The facility’s staff working at the front desk allowed non-members to enter the club and play despite access to the basketball court being limited to members only. The member sued and the court proceeding’s discussions were centered on the facility’s waiver. Read more [HERE](#).

A new Tree-trimming Hazard Bulletin is now available. If a tree falls in a forest, does it make a sound? Unfortunately, many trees do not fall in a forest, but rather on buildings or even power lines and in locations where trimming or moving them is a necessity. That also presents numerous potential hazards, including falling objects and electrocution. To bolster awareness, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)) recently issued a hazard bulletin in English and Spanish with information on how to identify hazards and prevent them from causing serious injury or death. The bulletin details two fatal tree care incidents to emphasize the human cost when employers fail to prioritize worker safety. Read the Hazard Alert [HERE](#). Learn more about tree care safety [HERE](#).

New Webpage highlights earthquake preparedness. The US Occupational Health and Safety Administration ([OSHA](#)) has launched a new Emergency Preparedness and Response resource page to assist in protecting employees from earthquake hazards. All 50 states, US territories, and the District of Columbia are at risk for earthquakes that can cause injury, death and extensive damage to buildings and other infrastructure. OSHA encourages employers to stay aware of conditions that affect their workplaces, especially those at particular risk that are near fault lines or volcanoes. Employers should train workers on workplace evacuation and emergency action plans, and keep on hand emergency supplies such as battery-operated emergency radios and first aid kits. For more information, visit OSHA's [Emergency Preparedness and Response page](#).

Did you see this in the last E-news:

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](#).

This Month's Topics:

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Distracted Driving Prevention*