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Get involved in the 2015 National Safety Stand-Down. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)) and its partners hope to reach three million workers during the 2015 National Safety Stand-Down to prevent falls. Participants are asked to pause their workday and participate in safety training in fall prevention during the event from May 4-15. Last year more than 1 million employers and workers across the country joined the effort, making it the largest occupational safety event ever hosted in the United States. To learn more about this international effort visit the [2015 Stand-Down page](#). Free fall prevention training materials, in both English and Spanish, including the new [2015 Stand-Down poster](#) are available for download or order.

Preparing for a spill should be part of your Exposure Control Plan. The Bullen Company manufactures a Pathogen Compliance Center that can help organizations equip their facilities for a possible Bloodborne Pathogen exposure event. This clean-up kit won an innovation award and has features unlike most kits on the market. Each kit contains replenishable supplies that are enough for multiple spill situations. More information is available through an [online brochure](#), on [YouTube](#) or by contacting [Jack Collins](#), Regional Sales Manager for the Bullen Companies. More information on Bloodborne Pathogen compliance is available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

How much risk management knowledge can you get in 25 minutes? Find the answer to this and other questions at the RIMS 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibition. There is still room available for risk managers to attend this valuable event from April 26th – 29th in New Orleans. The conference will have more than 160 sessions, amazing keynotes and an energetic Exhibit Hall. Visit the [conference Website](#) to learn more about our new [Hot Topic sessions](#), [Thought Leader Theater presentations](#).

Is it time to review your liability waiver? Doyice Cotten discusses how a waiver might be evaluated in an article from [Athletic Business magazine](#). A well-written waiver, signed voluntarily by an adult participant, will, under certain circumstances, protect an organization from liability in many states. Some states now enforce waivers signed by a parent on behalf of a minor participant. Organizations should remember that acceptable waivers may vary by state and that legal counsel should review any form prior to it being used by an organization. Also, a waiver can fail if it is poorly written or is not sufficiently broad and encompassing. The author provides an evaluation process that can be used in the evaluation of a waiver. Read more [HERE](#).

Did you see this in the previous E-news:

Safety Pays Program helps show impact of injuries on your bottom line.

If you are looking for an easy-to-use tool to help demonstrate the impact of workplace injuries and illnesses on your organization, check out the recently updated [Safety Pays Program](#) from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). This program reviews an organization's finances, the average cost of a worker injury and uses an indirect cost multiplier to project the financial impact of injuries on the organization. OSHA recently updated the program to include more recent [workers' compensation data from the National Council on Compensation Insurance](#). The program is now available in a format that can be easily read by mobile devices. For more information on the costs of workplace injuries and illnesses, and the benefits of investing in workplace safety and health, see [OSHA's Business Case for Safety and Health page](#).

Tick season is coming. Normal tick season lasts from mid-April through August in parts of the US. Ticks may be active all year in some regions with warmer weather. Tick-borne pathogens can be passed to humans by the bite of infected ticks. Some of the most common tick-borne diseases in the US include: Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness and Tick-Borne Relapsing Fever. [Lyme disease](#) is the most commonly reported vectorborne illness in the US according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 2013, it was the fifth most common [Nationally Notifiable disease](#). Ticks usually must be attached for 36-48 hours or more before an illness such as Lyme disease can be transmitted. Outdoor workers are at risk of exposure to tick-borne diseases if they work at sites with woods, bushes, high grass, or leaf litter. Outdoor workers in most regions of the US should be extra careful to protect themselves in the spring, summer, and fall when ticks are most active. The good news is that you can take steps to reduce your risk of being bitten by an infected tick. Read more [HERE](#) for prevention information. Other resources include this [curriculum for educating youth](#) and handouts such as [these](#).

This Month's Topics:

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