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Emergency situations can be stressful. Fortunately the days of trying to remember what to do or searching for a notebook with an emergency plan can be replaced with today's technology. There are a number of crisis planning and response apps available for the smart devices your staff carry with them regularly. These flexible tools offer a variety of options that can your organization, plan and prepare for, communicate and respond to emergencies. Here's a few in no particular order: [Crisis Plan](#) is a mobile safety solution that focuses on improving your emergency preparedness by giving you the power to easily publish your emergency plans and send them out to your staff. You can also update your emergency plans whenever you need to, while refining your emergency response system. [In Case of Crisis](#) is an award-winning mobile solution that allows you to better care for the well-being of your people by offering an easy and secure way to access your emergency procedures and safety guidelines. This all-in-one-solution includes incident reporting, push notifications, the ability to build and support multiple preparedness plans, and the ability to manage different use cases, groups or locations. [CrisisGo](#) allows you to have a thorough emergency preparedness plan in place so your staff knows how to react in times of crisis. From knowing what to do in a chemical spill to taking the proper preventative steps in the first minutes of an active shooter crisis, every second counts. By having this app in the hands of your staff you'll know that you are empowering them with the information they need to respond quickly and effectively. Want to know more? Perhaps a recent blog article "[5 things you need in a crisis app](#)" will help.

Registration for the 2015 Risk Summit is now open! Please visit the Nonprofit Risk Management Center's [Summit page](#), to register, submit a workshop proposal, or become a corporate sponsor. Learn more about the Summit Partners, featured speakers and musical guests. It's all happening in Chicago this September. The Summit offers something for everyone.

Your emergency responders should know about DNR orders. More so, your organization needs to plan for how your staff will respond when confronted with such a request. Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders allow individuals to refuse unwanted resuscitation attempts and ensure that patients' rights are honored. While traditionally these were in more regular use in hospitals and nursing homes, most states now have programs that enable individuals to have DNRs honored outside a medical facility and are currently part of EMS systems. Organizations should plan ahead and approach the development and implementation of guidelines as part of their emergency response plans. Consider involving professionals, volunteers and members from their communities in the development of your guidelines. Special consideration must be made for your state's law, the community EMS practices and the personal sensitivity of this issue. Find the rules for your state [HERE](#). [Sample guidelines](#) are available in the Online Resource Library.

Ropes course inspections are part of summer program preparation. Gary Forster of [Camp Solutions](#) stresses the importance of course inspection. Forster writes: "The Association for Challenge Course Technology ([ACCT](#)) has set the industry standards for 20 years, and is recognized as *the* authority. All courses are supposed to be designed to their specifications, and inspected annually to show they still meet them. This is especially important for "High Ropes" elements. But for those that only have "low ropes" elements and haven't seen the need, PLEASE at least use the self-inspection standards for playgrounds, and keep records. They cover things up to 10' off the ground." Forster sites the [Public Playground Safety Handbook](#) from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)) as his favorite resource for conducting in-house low element inspections.

Did you see this in the previous E-news:

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](#).

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