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**The busy summer aquatic season will soon be here.** A number of resources have been added to the Online Resource Library that will assist pool operators, lifeguards and other staff in providing safe facilities and programs. Resources include staff safety resources such as a Pool Chemical Safety video produced by the [Chlorine Institute](#) and the [American Chemistry Council](#), recommended chemical handling ([English](#) and [Español](#)) and chemical storage practices ([English](#) and [Español](#)). Several fact sheets from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provide guidance on [pool operation](#), [spa operation](#) and [pool chemical operations](#). Lifeguard readiness resources such as [scanning drills](#) and aquatic quick check forms have been updated. Swimmer management resources include [Considerations for Developing Swim Testing Protocols](#), [Considerations for Safe Water Slide Operation](#) and [Buddy System Swimming Guidelines](#). Review all the resources at the [Aquatics Safety](#) page in the [Online Resource Library](#). Download the annual Summer Aquatic Safety Reminder [HERE](#).

**Camps around the US provide summers of fun and memories** to thousands of youth. However, some youth and staff have less than fond memories because of incidents and/or accidents that have occurred. Safe-Wise Consulting has analyzed data from various sources including the insurance industry, litigation records, industry groups and the federal government in order to help provide guidance in managing the risks associated with summer programming for both day and resident camps. Read the new [Consideration for Summer Camp Safety](#) and visit the [Online Resource Library](#) for more summer safety information.

**Summer weather and high daytime temperatures are here.** Staff, volunteers and summer program participants need to know how to prevent health problems caused by high temperatures. Organizations should provide heat stress training to staff and supervisors. Everyone should keep the following precautions in mind when spending time outdoor during daytime hours: keep hydrated (drink a glass of [water](#) every 15 to 30 minutes to prevent overheating, take breaks to cool down (at least a 10- or 15-minute break every two hours) and remember to adapt your pace to the weather. Read more [HERE](#). Also have staff check out [OSHA's Heat Safety Tool mobile app](#) to calculate the Heat Index for your location and get reminders about how to prevent heat illness every day.

**Informational posters for pools and aquatic facilities are available** from the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC). The CDC has announced that their new Healthy Swimming brochures are now available for FREE as are Pool Chemical Safety Posters. Red more [HERE](#).

**Keep the playgrounds fun with SUPER vision.** Every day at the playground can be fun with active supervision and some basic safety tips. Providing a safe and age appropriate playground is only part of the formula for preventing accidents and injuries. Shock-absorbing surfaces such as rubber, synthetic turf, sand, pea gravel, wood chips or mulch will help reduce the likelihood of injuries from falls. Active supervision by trained staff will help prevent many other issues. Playground supervision is as important as being a lifeguard around the pool. Many playground incidents, from simple accidents to behavioral issues, can be prevented when staff are engaged in providing SUPER vision on the playground. Safe Kids Worldwide (SFW) provides two good resources to help communicate practices to your staff: [Playground Safety Tips](#) and [Childhood Injury Fact Sheet](#). The National Parks and Recreation Association (NPRA) provides a [Staff Training Video](#) that can help reinforce good playground practices. More information is available from the [Online Resource Library](#) including the [Handbook for Public Playground Safety](#).

### **Did you see this in the previous E-news:**

**Protect staff from the dangers of distracted driving.** As the busy summer program season approaches it is an excellent time to review your organization's transportation policy. Each year, more than 35,000 people are killed on America's roads and traffic collisions are the number one cause of workplace deaths. In a recent [guest post](#) on US Department of Labor's (DOL) blog, National Safety Council President and CEO Deborah Hersman explains the dangers associated with distracted driving and describes available tools, including a free [cell phone policy kit](#), to help employers protect workers from these risks. Visit [OSHA's Distracted Driving webpage](#) or the [Online Resource Library](#) for more information.

**Recreational Water Illness (RWI) Prevention** is an issue all year long. With the onset of the busy summer swim season it is very important to review prevention strategies as thousands of swimmers head to outdoor pools. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) provides leadership and resources in preventing the outbreak of RWI. Some resources provide an outline of simple steps swimmers and pool operators can take to ensure a healthy and safe swimming experience for everyone. Training, prevention practices and communication are key strategies in preventing RWI. More information is available [HERE](#).

### **This Month's Topics:**

*[Summer Aquatic Safety](#)*

*[Summer Camp Safety](#)*

*[Dealing with the Hot Days of Summer](#)*

*[Free Pool Safety Posters](#)*

*[Playground Safety](#)*

*[Prevent Distracted Driving](#)*

*[Recreational Waterborne Illness Prevention](#)*