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Plan for Drive Safely Work Week in October. The Network of Employers for Traffic Safety ([NETS](#)) has launched its free comprehensive online toolkit to help employers plan ahead for Drive Safely Work Week 2015, the October workplace campaign looks to improve the safety of employees and communities. The theme is "Plan Ahead—Your Key to Driving Safely." Available materials underscore that planning may be the most critical leg of any driving trip. Emphasizing the importance of advance preparation, the campaign will help to minimize risks on the road and offers resources to help become a better planner for safe driving. Read more [HERE](#).

10 Steps to safe outdoor programs. The Outdoor Safety Institute ([OSI](#)) promotes outdoor activities by providing outdoor education and recreation programs with safety and liability management support and educating the public about wilderness risk management. "10 Steps to Better Risk Management" identifies ten common ways to improve safety and liability related practices in outdoor, adventure, guiding, service, conservation, and related organizations. Intended to initiate a renewed risk management effort, the suggestions can be addressed in a ten step effort. These practical approaches are drawn from the dozens of programs that OSI's safety team has assessed. Read more [HERE](#).

October is National Fire Prevention Month and is a great time to make fire prevention a topic all around your organization. Safety training [refreshers](#) for staff, [emergency procedure](#) review, [exit route planning](#), activities for children and [emergency drills](#) can be tied into the theme and strengthen your facility's level of preparedness. For more information on fire prevention activity ideas contact your local fire department to foster a strong relationship or look [HERE](#).

Employed and volunteer staff is at the heart of many nonprofit organizations. Ensuring their safety and preventing injuries should be part of your organization's culture. Developing this culture does not happen by chance, it must be part of an ongoing safety effort. Your efforts toward safety should include key components of a safety program such as leadership, orientation and training on job hazards. These components of a strong safety program are part of creating your organization's culture of safety. Read more [HERE](#).

Did you see this in the previous E-news:

Policies can help protect our youth from abuse, but only if they are followed. As the busy fall program season begins for many nonprofits it is important to remind ourselves to follow our policies so nothing slips past our efforts to protect youth from harm. An effective youth protection program includes a number of core elements: a [written board approved policy](#), effective [screening practices](#), [regular training](#), [strong supervision](#) and [awareness](#) efforts (for youth, parents and the community). These elements are outlined in Safe-Wise Consulting's [youth protection program](#). Organizations should review their [sign-in/out procedures](#) and also incorporate current information in their training and policy updates. Read more [HERE](#).

Custodial positions can be dangerous according to the US Department of Labor (DOL) statistics. The main reason the DOL lists custodial work as one of the most dangerous jobs in the country is the use of cleaning chemicals. When used properly cleaning chemicals are relatively safe. However, accidents do happen and there are precautions that should be taken for the proper handling of cleaning solutions. Key strategies in preventing chemical handling accidents include developing a [written plan](#), employee training, [proper labeling](#), use of [safety data sheets](#) and [proper storage of chemicals](#). Read more [HERE](#).

This Month's Topics:

Drive Safely Week
Outdoor Program Risk Management
Fire Prevention
Preventing Employee Injuries
Youth Protection Practices
Chemical Handling Safety