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Plan for Drive Safely Work Week in October. Driver behavior contributes to 94% of all traffic crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), meaning nearly all crashes are preventable. The Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) has launched its free comprehensive online toolkit to help prevent incidents and for employers to plan ahead for Drive Safely Work Week 2016. The October workplace campaign looks to improve the safety of employees and communities. Materials are available to help raise awareness and encourage employees to minimize risks on the road. 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](#).

A pool UV System can help with water and air quality. Two big concerns for indoor aquatic facilities are air and water quality. Left unmanaged, substantial harm can be done to both equipment and patrons. One defense is an industrial UV system that will control chloramines and, as a bonus, disinfect chlorine-resistant pathogens. Ultraviolet (UV) light provides a non-chemical, environmentally friendly treatment option for indoor pools and spas. Most microorganisms, even cryptosporidium and giardia, are inactivated in less than a second by relatively low doses of UV light. Additionally, UV will break down organic and inorganic pollutants in water. This is particularly true in the swimming pool industry, where a significant reduction in combined chlorine, known as chloramines, can be achieved. Read more [HERE](#)

Proper maintenance is key to playground surface safety. Falls to the surface are the number one cause of injury on the playground, which is why it's so important that those surfaces are maintained regularly and composed of the appropriate materials to maximize safety and prevent serious injuries. "The most common cause for unsafe surfaces would be lack of maintenance and education about the particular type of surface they are using. The best thing a playground owner can do is to do their homework about what will be needed for their surfacing, and then come up with a program to maintain it," said Jeff Mrakovich, director of surfacing products for a PA based company that specializes in playground surfacing. A big trend exists right now toward surfaces that provide safety ratings that are below the maximum allowable limits in the ASTM F1292 standards. Read more [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 last 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](#).

26,000 fingers are amputated or broken in door accidents every year according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)). A study published by the American College of Emergency Physicians states that children younger than 5 years had the highest rate of finger amputations treated in hospital emergency rooms. Almost 75% of these amputations in young children resulted from their finger(s) getting caught, jammed, or crushed in a doorway during the opening or closing of a door. Youth-serving organizations and child care centers should review their facilities to see if these injuries can be prevented. Many organizations have found that the installation of products such as [Pinch-Not](#) and [Fingersafe](#) door safety products can help keep small fingers safe.

More resources are available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

This Month's Topics:

Driver Safety

Fire Prevention

Pool Water & Air Quality

Playground Surfacing

Staff Safety Culture

Review Youth Protection for Fall

Finger Injury Prevention