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Safe-Wise Consulting Welcomes a New Staff Member. Safe-Wise Consulting welcomes [Alan C. Mogridge](#) as their newest Safety and Risk Consultant. Alan brings more than 20 years of YMCA practical knowledge and experience in aquatic safety & programming, wellness, day & resident camping and child care. In addition to his strong program background Alan has served as: Associate Executive Director for the Greater Waterbury YMCA, CT; Executive Director for the YMCA of Central Connecticut Coast – Valley Branch, CT; and as CEO for the Mount Desert Island YMCA, ME. Currently, Alan is focused on updating resources, website and newsletter development, but will be hitting the road later this year. Please help us welcome Alan to the Safe-Wise team. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Alan.

Keeping Campers & Staff Healthy. According to the American Camping Association (ACA) 2010 [Healthy Camp Study](#), campers and camp staff are about twice as likely to suffer from illness than injury. For this reason, we recommend the following to help keep your camp community healthy this summer. Incorporate illness prevention messaging into parent and staff communications. For example, one of the most important things parents can do to improve a child's summer camp experience is to keep a child home when he/she is sick. Teach staff and campers appropriate [cough and sneeze etiquette](#). Health screening can also substantially reduce the adverse illness events in camps. Camp professionals should conduct consistent, thorough screening procedures to minimize the potential that ill campers will affect the camp community. When outbreaks such as the [flu](#), [Norovirus](#), [lice infestation](#), [bed bugs](#), etc. occur, camps can access a range of reliable resources to effectively manage these situations. Available resources include [emergency plans](#), [crisis communications plans](#), and [flu response recommendations](#) from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Camp professionals should regularly evaluate and update their health-care practices and procedures. Data from the Healthy Camp Study and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) also point to [fatigue](#) as a contributing factor to injury and illness. Camp professionals should develop staff policies that reinforce how important it is that staff take proper care of themselves, including sufficient amounts of rest. An ounce of prevention can help ensure a safe, happy and healthy summer camp experience for all.

Nidec Issues Pool Motor Recall. [Nidec Motor](#), in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), recently announced a recall of certain swimming pool motors sold between 2010 and 2016. Officials say 16,000 faulty variable-speed units have been available in the U.S. market. The pump control cover can be improperly grounded, posing an electrical shock hazard. “Emerson” or “EcoTech EZ” is printed on top of the control box and the model number is printed on the rating plate located on the side of the pump. Click [HERE](#) for more information including a list of model numbers the recall applies to. No injuries or incidents have been reported, and consumers who have purchased the recalled motors are instructed to stop using the devices and immediately contact Nidec Motor Corp. to schedule a free repair by a qualified technician to install an external ground lead.

Water Safety USA Announces 2017 Safety Message. [Water Safety USA](#), a consortium of [14 national governmental and non-governmental organizations](#) that provide drowning prevention and water safety programs, has selected its water safety message to promote for 2017. The message is “[Designate a water watcher—supervision could save a life.](#)” The alliance urges parents and guardians to choose one adult to take on the role of keeping a close eye on children and adolescents swimming or playing in and around water. An ideal water watcher is 16 or older, not under the influence of alcohol or drugs, knows CPR or can reach someone nearby who does, has a working phone, and has a floating or reaching object that can be used as a rescue device. “If everyone is assigned to water watching, sadly it sometimes means that no one is watching, which can lead to tragedy,” said Tina Dessart, the [USA Swimming Foundation's Make a Splash Program Director](#). “Designating a single person, who is without distractions, is much more likely to ensure safety,” she adds. Water Safety USA also stresses that this person is not a substitute for a lifeguard, but a second set of eyes to supervise and add a layer of prevention. Click [HERE](#) for a PDF of the safety message.

Blog: Click [HERE](#) for our latest blog: **Education Is Key to Preventing Child Abuse.**

Did you see this in the last E-news?

Are you prepared for Hurricane Season? Hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th and forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([NOAA](#)) Climate Prediction Center say the Atlantic could see another above-normal hurricane season this year. Organizations are encouraged to stay aware of weather forecasts, train employees on workplace severe weather plans, and keep emergency supplies on hand, including a battery-operated weather radio. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)) provides resources on workplace preparedness and response for severe weather emergencies including hurricanes, floods and tornadoes, among others. Resources are available at the [National Hurricane Center's](#) Web page and OSHA's [Hurricane Preparedness and Response page](#). The [Emergency Preparedness](#) page from [Ready.gov](#) has great resources for including youth and other participants in your emergency planning.

Heat Safety App for Outdoor Workers. The Center for Disease Control's ([CDC](#)) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health ([NIOSH](#)), along with the U.S. Department of Labor's ([DOL](#)) Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)) have introduced an improved updated app for smart phones and other mobile devices that can help workers stay safe when working outdoors in hot weather. The OSHA-NIOSH [Heat Safety Tool mobile app](#), for iOS and Android devices, determines heat index values – a measure for how hot it feels – based on temperature and humidity. This app puts life-saving information at the fingertips of both supervisors and workers to inform them when they need to take precautions to stay safe at the worksite. The app shows the current risk level (minimal, low, moderate, high, or extreme) and forecasts the hourly heat index throughout the entire workday giving employers information they can use to adjust the work environment as needed to protect workers.