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Areas of Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Accident Prevention
- Aquatic Safety
- Day and Family Camp Programs
- Emergency Planning
- Employee Workplace Safety Programs
- Facility Management
- Policy Development
- Resident Camp Programs
- Risk Management
- Shooting Sports Safety
- Special Event Management
- Training Presentations, Workshops, Online Programs and Learning Management Systems
- Transportation Safety
- Youth Program Management
- Youth Protection and Child Abuse Prevention

Professional Experience:

Safe-Wise Consulting, LLC, Bar Harbor, ME – Consulting partnership providing safety and risk management services to organizations throughout the US

Senior Consultant/Managing Partner – May 2007 to present

- Leader of a small consulting practice serving over 300 clients nationwide
- Provide insightful consulting services and support to client organizations
- Coordinate and develop industry leading online resource library
- Conduct highly-rated training programs for staff, workshops, national conferences and Webinars

YMCA Services Corporation – YMCA of the USA, Chicago, IL

Director of Risk Management Services

- Provided direction for highly-rated services to 200–490 associations of the YMCA Insurance Program
- Lead and direct over 30 full and part-time risk management support staff and consultants
- Effectively consulted with associations ranging in budget-size from under \$1 million to \$120+ million

Mount Desert Island YMCA, Bar Harbor, ME - YMCA serving an area of 10,000 residents

Executive Director/CEO

Morris Center YMCA, Cedar Knolls, NJ

Senior Program Director, Youth & Child Care Programs Director

Camp Speers-Eljabar, Dingman's Ferry, PA

Summer Camp Program Director, Conference & Outdoor Education Staff, Adventure Trip Leader

Education:

- Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ - Bachelor of Arts in Music Education 1984

Certifications & Training:

- AICPCU - Associate of Risk Management (ARM)
- American Red Cross – Lifeguard, Advanced First Aid, AED, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Emergency Oxygen Administration
- American Safety & Health Institute – Basic Life Support, Basic First Aid, Emergency Oxygen Administration
- Boy Scouts of America - Wood Badge Training, Enterprise Risk Management, Shooting Sports Instructor, National Health & Safety Team, Youth Protection Trainer, Outdoor Skills Trainer
- Federal Emergency Management Agency – National Incident Management System, Incident Command System
- Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife – Hunter Safety Instructor
- National Rifle Association – Firearms Instructor, Range Safety Officer
- National Safety Council - Defensive Driving Course Instructor
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration – 511 OSH Standards for General Industry, 501 General Industry Outreach Trainer
- Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association – Recreational Off-Road Driver Training
- National Restaurant Association - ServSafe Food Handler, Food Protection Manager, Allergens
- SOLO – Wilderness First Aid
- US Department of Homeland Security – Run, Hide, Fight Active Shooter Preparedness
- YMCA of the USA - Senior Director, Executive Development Program, Day Camp Director, Child Abuse Prevention Trainer, Team Leader, Organizational Leader, YMCA Lifeguard

Publications:

Perspective - Journal of YMCA Professionals

- Playing it Safe with Youth Sports (*January 2006*), Lead the Way in Preventing Child Abuse (*December 2006*), More than a Risk: A New Focus on Abuse Prevention (*March 2008*), Who's in the Pool? (*August 2008*), The Right Combination for Inclusion (*March 2009*), Managing Risks at the Hometown YMCA (*January 2010*)

Safety & Risk Notes – YMCA Risk Management Monthly Newsletter, YMCA of the USA

- Editor and contributing author 2000 - 2007

Safety Insights – Semi-Monthly Electronic Newsletter: Safe-Wise Consulting, Philadelphia Insurance, SECURA Insurance, K & K Insurance, Hanover Insurance

- Editor and contributing author 2007 – 2017, Contributing author 2017 – present

Aquatic Safety Webinar Series – YMCA of the USA presented by Safe-Wise Consulting

- Aquatic Risks 101 (*February 2009*), Peer Assessments (*April 2009*), Camp Aquatic Safety (*May 2009*)

Facility Dude Management Webinar - OSHA is Not a Four-Letter Word (*August 2014*)

Riskmanager.net Online Training System – training module content author, voice contributor and associate designer

- Back Injury Prevention (*2015*), Introduction to Blood Borne Pathogens (*2009*), Preventing Child Abuse: Protecting You, Youth and the Organization (*2009 & 2015*), Prevention of Slips & Falls (*2015*), Responding to and Reporting Child Abuse (*2009 & 2015*), Understanding and Preventing Child Abuse (*2009 & 2015*), Understanding the Hazard Communication Standard and Program (*2009 & 2013*)

Nonprofit Risk Management Center – Articles and Presentations

- RISK eNEWS - Planning for Summer Fun (*May 2010*), A Word from the Wise Guys (*Sept. 2014*), A Blueprint for Facility Risk Management (*Sept. 2017*), Risk Management Advice: Smarts from the Streets (*Feb. 2018*)
- Risk Summit – Risk Management 101 (*Sept. 2008 & 2009*), Youth Protection (*Aug. 2012 & 2013*), Risk Management Committees (*Sept. 2014*), What Andy Warhol Taught Me About Workplace Safety (*Sept. 2017*)
- Risk Connect Virtual Conferences - Lessons Learned from Workplace Safety Near Misses (*May 2018*)