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New Service: Certified Playground Safety Inspector. Did you know? According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)), it is estimated that each year over 205,850 injuries occur on playgrounds and approximately fifteen children will die from playground related injuries. Certified Playground Safety Inspectors (CPSI) help promote children's rights to play and promotes nationally the importance play has to a child's development through playground hazard identification and risk management methods. Safe-Wise Consulting is proud to offer [Certified Playground Safety Inspector](#) services. Services include development of a comprehensive Playground Safety Policy, Safety Audit, Safety Coordinator training, assistance with development of a site history file, and on-site staff playground inspection training. We can help you, help our children by designing, installing, and maintaining safe playgrounds. Contact us [HERE](#) for more information.

OSHA extends compliance date for electronic submission of injury reports.

According to the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's ([OSHA](#)) [press release](#) of November 22, 2017, the administration has extended the compliance deadline for certain employers to [electronically submit reports](#) on workplace injuries and illnesses until December 15, 2017, a two-week extension from the December 1, 2017, compliance date in the proposed rule. The rule requires certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness information they are already required to keep under existing OSHA regulations. OSHA is currently reviewing the other provisions of its final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, and intends to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking to reconsider, revise, or remove portions of that rule in 2018. You can access the final rule [here](#).

Hazard Communication. The standard that gave workers the right to know, also gives them the right to understand. If employees will be using hazardous cleaning chemicals, they need to be trained. Required training under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ([OSHA](#)) [Hazard Communication Standard](#) includes understanding:

- The health and physical hazards of cleaning chemicals
- How to properly handle, use and store the products
- What type of personal protective equipment ([PPE](#)) to wear
- How to use the hazard information, including labels and Safety Data Sheets ([SDS](#))
- Procedures to follow in the event of a spill

Workers should also know to never mix different chemicals, because of the potential for creation of life-threatening gases. For example, OSHA warns that mixing cleaning products that contain bleach with ammonia can result in severe lung damage or death. Chemicals in certain cleaning products also can cause asthma or trigger asthma attacks, OSHA cautions, adding that "some cleaning products contain hazardous chemicals that can enter the body through skin contact or from breathing gases into the lungs." Click [HERE](#) for more information on Considerations for Hazard Communication Plans, Programs & Trainings available in the [Staff Safety](#) section of our [Resource Library](#).

Sexual Harassment is the title of a recent [article](#) from the Nonprofit Risk Management Center ([NRMC](#)). The article reminds us that Nonprofits are not exempt from sexual harassment claims like those recently in the news for business firms and public agencies. A nonprofit can be held liable for a hostile work environment if it knew, or reasonably should have known, of the conditions or activities and failed to take corrective action. Policies, procedures and training can help shield your organization from liability. They can establish a forum for open communication at an early stage so that a misunderstanding or insensitivity can be corrected before it explodes into a legal complaint. Not only may policies avoid costly litigation, they may prevent escalation to more serious assaults. The policies, however, must be effective. The article goes on to offer the following suggestions that can help you develop appropriate policies and procedures. Start at the top. The board of directors plays an important role in eliminating sexual harassment. It can create a healthy workplace by emphatically stating a commitment to creating and maintaining a harassment-free workplace — regardless of the rank or position of the alleged harasser. A “zero tolerance” policy will set the tone, discourage inappropriate behavior, and encourage open communication. Click [HERE](#) to continue reading on our blog.

Did you see this in the last E-news?

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)), on Nov. 2, 2017, [Kidde](#) announced a [recall](#) of almost 38 million fire extinguishers sold in the United States. They may not work during a fire emergency if they become clogged and require a lot of force to use. Also, the nozzle can come off with enough force to strike and hurt someone. Kidde recommends owners immediately replace these fire extinguishers. The company is aware of one death when emergency responders couldn't get the recalled extinguishers to work. There have been almost 400 reports of problems related to these Kidde fire extinguishers. Click [HERE](#) for information on specific model numbers involved with this recall. Kidde will replace recalled extinguishers for free. You can also contact Kidde directly at 855-271-0773 or online at [www.kidde.com](#) and click on “[Product Safety Recall](#)” for more information.

Teaching Digital Citizenship. Digital Citizenship is a concept which helps teachers, technology leaders and parents to understand what students, children, and technology users should know to use technology appropriately. Digital citizenship are the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use. [NetSmartz](#) workshops, a program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ([NCMEC](#)), has released a new online educator program called Teaching Digital Citizenship. This self-paced, online professional development course guide educators through the risks children face online, key lessons to teach, and which NetSmartz resources can be used to best teach digital citizenship at any grade. The training takes about 1-hour and covers the issues of Digital literacy & Ethics, Inappropriate Content, Online Sexual Solicitation, Online Privacy, Sexting and Cyberbullying. Click [HERE](#) for more information about this course and how to register.