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**World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL)** will take place on Thursday, June 21, 2018. This will be the ninth year for the global event and **TEAM WLSL™** will continue with its goal of reaching more than one billion with the message *Swimming Lesson Save Lives™* by 2019. Local WLSL events will take place at hundreds of locations in more than 20 countries on five continents over the course of 24 hours. The WLSL event serves as a platform to help the global aquatics industry work together to build awareness about the fundamental importance of teaching children to swim to prevent drowning. Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for U.S. children ages 1-14. Research shows risk of drowning can be reduced by 88 percent if children participate in formal swimming lessons between the ages of 1-4. Yet, a [survey](#) conducted by the American Red Cross ([ARC](#)) in 2014 found that more than half of Americans (54 percent) either can't swim or don't have all of the basic swimming skills. This CAN and SHOULD change and this is the mission of TEAM WLSL™. Registration is open at [WLSL.org](#).

**Elevator Safety.** For many people, riding in an elevator is an everyday occurrence. If you have elevators in your facility, help educate your riders on the “do’s” and “don’ts” from the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation ([EESF](#)) to help stay safe.

**Do:**

- Watch your step when getting in or out of an elevator to avoid tripping
- Hold the handrail if one is available, and stand next to the walls, away from the door
- Stay calm if you find yourself stuck in an elevator. Use the elevator’s alarm button or emergency contact button to get help
- Reassure and calm anyone who is panicked about being stuck in the elevator
- Stay in a stuck elevator – don’t attempt to pry open the doors. Stay quiet and wait for safety instructions

**Don’t:**

- Use an elevator in the event of a fire. Take the stairs instead
- Get on an overly crowded elevator. It may be reaching its weight capacity, so it’s better to wait for the next one
- Engage in horseplay
- Rest on or push someone against a door

Click [HERE](#) for information on the *Safe-T-Riders - Kids Program* and click [HERE](#) for information on the *A Safe Ride - Safety Program For Older Adults* from the EESF.

**What If It Does Happen? Camp Security – Plans to Make And Actions To Take** is the title of an article from the American Camping Association's ([ACA](#)) Winter 2018 issue of [The CAMPLINE](#). The article states, in July 2011, Anders Brevik detonated a "car bomb," killing eight people in the Parliament Building in Oslo, Norway. He then proceeded to shoot and kill 69 participants at the Workers Youth League Summer Camp on the Island of Utoya. He entered the camp property by killing the security guard. Teenage campers attempted to flee by running and swimming away from the camp property. Too often, we think "it could never happen here/to me." While the above situation is one extreme, being prepared for a variety of scenarios is critical in today's world. Click [HERE](#) to read full article.

**Drop-in Childcare.** Many organizations provide Drop-in Childcare or Babysitting programs as a benefit of membership or add-on service to their members and participants. All too often, these programs do not adhere to the same policies and procedures as licensed childcare programs located in the same building. Drop-in Childcare programs should adhere to the same policies and procedures as a licensed child care program especially as it relates to [screening practices](#), [supervision](#), staff to child ratios, [bathroom supervision](#), and [training](#). Click [HERE](#) to visit our Blog for additional thoughts or comments on this topic.

#### **Did you see this in the last E-news?**

**Five Days of Action.** [Five Days of Action](#) is a week, April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, designed to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse. The [YMCA Guardians for Child Protection](#), are encouraging all youth serving organizations to join together to protect children. This year's theme is: Step Up & Speak Out! They're providing tools and resources to make it easier than ever before to participate, including: a new Five Days of Action logo; social media images; commitment cards, signs, and posters to print; a short video to share; and an easy-to-use implementation guide including email templates and a press release. Sign-up your organization [HERE](#). YMCA's can download the Five Days of Action Kit [HERE](#) and other Youth Serving Organizations [HERE](#).

**March is National Ladder Safety Month.** Every year over 300 people die in ladder-related accidents, and thousands suffer disabling injuries. Mark your calendar to join the American Ladder Institute ([ALI](#)) in celebrating [National Ladder Safety Month](#), designed to raise awareness of ladder safety and to decrease the number of ladder-related injuries and fatalities. National Ladder Safety Month will provide materials for safety administrators, insurance brokers, those who use ladders in their professional lives and the everyday consumer who uses a ladder around their home. Click [HERE](#) to download an overview of National Ladder Safety Month. Sign up [HERE](#) to receive more information from ALI on how you can participate in spreading awareness about ladder safety at work, ladder safety at home, and proper ladder inspection and disposal. Additional [Ladder Safety Tips](#) are available on our [Resource Library](#).