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Verifying Identity. Many membership-based youth serving organizations have taken steps to protect their children through implementing policies that require screening members against a sex offender registry. One very important, yet often overlooked, step in implementing these policies is to verify the identity of potential members when they submit membership applications to ensure the use of accurate identifying information; name, address, date of birth, etc. We recommend requiring verification of a government issued picture ID at the time of application for all adult members. The next question we should ask ourselves is, do we require all guests and contractors to sign-in, verify identity with a government issued picture ID, and do we screen them against a sex offender registry? At the end of the day, we should be able to verify the identity of everyone who enters our facilities by ensuring that all members, guests, and contractors are who they say they are. Verifying identity is a crucial step that should not be overlooked in securing the safety of our facilities. Verifying identity can also help in deterring other negative behaviors, like theft and vandalism.

New Resource: Treadmill Safety Considerations. From their powerful motors and fast-spinning belts to exposed power cords, treadmills cause many injuries each year. Some of the most dangerous treadmill accidents involve people who lose their footing, fall and end up pinned between a wall and the machine, whose spinning belt can cause serious skin burns and shearing. Some extreme cases have resulted in death from head trauma and blood loss caused by a fall. Click HERE to view our new Treadmill Safety Considerations document available on the Resource Library.

Risk Connect: The Virtual Conference for Risk-Aware Leaders! Enjoy a Nonprofit Risk Management Center (NRMC) conference from the comfort of your desk. Learn about the most pressing risk management trends and strategies from their expert speakers and event sponsors. Attend Risk Connect, a day-long virtual conference, this May 16, 2018.

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- Pose questions to subject matter experts who advise high-performing nonprofits on the most challenging stewardship and risk management issues.
- Network with other attendees and event sponsors/exhibitors who further the discipline of risk management in the nonprofit sector.
- Leave with practical insights for developing risk management capabilities in your organization--whether you're a seasoned risk professional or an emerging leader.

Risk Connect is produced by the NRMC, an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire effective risk management across the nonprofit sector. Click HERE to register.

Pool Access for All; A Work in Progress is the title of a Aquatics International article about the January 31, 2013 expansion of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) addressing accessibility for aquatic facilities. The article states that although many facilities have embraced the need for accessibility, there are many public aquatic facilities that are still not in compliance. Click HERE to read full article.

Kidde Smoke Alarm Recall. On March 21, 2018, Kidde recalled its dual sensor smoke alarms due to risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire. The brand name and model of the affected product: Kidde Dual Sensor (Photoelectric and Ionization) Smoke Alarms – Models PI2010 and PI9010. The hazard: A yellow protective cap in limited instances may have been left on one of the two smoke sensors in affected products during the manufacturing process, which could compromise the smoke alarms' ability to detect smoke. Click HERE to review the full Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) press release. Contact Kidde toll-free at 833-551-7739 or online at Kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

Did you see this in the last E-news?

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.

Five Days of Action. Five Days of Action is a week, April 16th – 20th, 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.