



Safe-Wise Consulting wishes you a safe and happy 4th of July!

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Reminder: *Safety Insights* will be published monthly during July & August. Our semimonthly publication schedule will return in September.

Prevent Mid-Summer Let Down. July sees more swimmers and more drownings than any other month, so it is imperative that lifeguards at aquatic facilities are prepared and vigilant. Here are a few tips to help manage swimmers and prevent incidents: **Training** - In-service training should include a heavy emphasis on the prevention of drowning, [scanning drills](#) should be part of the daily/weekly schedule and the aquatic [EAP](#) should be practiced regularly; **Swimmer management** – ensure that [swim testing](#), buddy checks and safety breaks are consistently and smoothly implemented. **Lifeguards** – provide adequate breaks, water and shade for guards and ensure they are properly positioned and equipped. Need more ideas for aquatic safety? Review the summer [Aquatic Safety Reminder](#) again and visit the [Online Resource Library](#).

2018 Safe + Sound Campaign: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ([OSHA](#)) [2018 Safe + Sound Week](#) will be held August 13-19. Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event to raise awareness and understanding of the value of workplace safety and health programs. It is an opportunity for employers to show commitment to health and safety by launching or renewing efforts to identify and manage hazards before they cause injuries or illnesses. Click [HERE](#) to register your organization as a participant and get ideas on how to recognize the week in your workplace.

AED Camp Scavenger Hunt. The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation ([CCF](#)) in partnership with the American Camp Association ([ACA](#)) and [One Beat CPR](#), celebrated [National CPR and AED Awareness Week](#) (June 1-7) with a [summer-long scavenger hunt](#) to find automated external defibrillators ([AEDs](#)) at camps across the nation. This national initiative will call attention to the importance of quickly locating an AED during a cardiac emergency. To participate, campers search for an AED at their camp, take a photo with themselves and the AED, and then post it with the hashtag #ProtectKidsHearts on social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. The CCF scavenger hunt not only stresses the importance of having an AED at camp, but the need for everyone at camp to know its exact location and know what to do in a cardiac emergency. Click [HERE](#) to download the download the AED Camp Hunt Flyer.

2018 Summer Lifeguard Challenge. Aquatics International's ([AI](#)) [2018 Summer Lifeguard Challenge](#), annual lifeguard competition includes 5 demanding drills. Here's how it works:

- Watch the monthly challenges
- Have your staff replicate the challenges
- Video your challenges via camera/phone
- Send them to [Pete DeQuincy](#) at: pdequincy@ebparks.org

They'll announce a winner each month and the overall winner at the end of the season. The first deadline to submit videos is July 10th. Game on!

Blog: Click [HERE](#) to view this month's blog: **Importance of EAP Training; Jury awards \$41.55M in case that inspired 'Kari's Law'**

Did you see this in the last E-news?

SUITMATE® Swimsuit Water Extractors Safety Reminder. [Extractor Corporation](#) wants to remind you to check your [SUITMATE® swimsuit water extractors](#) and ensure that all instructional labels and wall signage are installed and intact. Review the [SUITMATE® Installation and Maintenance Manual](#) for maintenance instructions and recommendations (p. 9-10), a sample maintenance log (p. 54) and troubleshooting guide (p.11-13). Remember that a documented preventative maintenance plan will not only help keep your SUITMATE® units clean and functioning properly but will also provide an opportunity to identify small issues and resolve them before they have a chance to become a larger problem. For additional assistance with SUITMATE® units, the [Exchange Program](#), or to request replacement [wall signage](#) or [instructional labels](#) at no charge, contact Extractor Corporation at 1-800-553-3353 or info@suitmate.com.

DHS Active Shooter EAP Guide and Resources. The Department of Homeland Security ([DHS](#)) [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Guide](#) is a short guide that describes how to fill out the [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Template](#). The template is basic but is a great starting point for a plan and a discussion on what needs to go into a plan. The [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Video](#) describes the fundamental concepts of developing an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for an active shooter scenario. This instructive video guides viewers through important considerations of EAP development utilizing the first-hand perspectives of active shooter survivors, first responder personnel, and other subject matter experts who share their unique insight. The [Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop Series](#) feature facilitated discussions to inform participants on the best practices associated with preparing for and responding to an active shooter incident. For more information on these workshops, please contact the Active Shooter Preparedness Program at ASworkshop@hq.dhs.gov and click [HERE](#) to access the full fact sheet for the DHS Active Shooter Preparedness Program.