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Time falls back, let's move safety forward. Daylights savings time ends on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00am. Besides the benefit of getting an “extra” hour of rest, it's a great time to look at moving forward with the following safety reminders:

1. Ensure timing on outdoor lighting systems are adjusted appropriately.
2. Replace batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
3. Check fire safety monitoring systems.
4. Inspect fire extinguishers to ensure they are charged and current.
5. Inspect extension cords and ensure that they are only being used for temporary situations.
6. Protect electronic devices with surge protectors.
7. Check emergency alarm and communication systems.
8. Review [emergency plans](#); [conduct a drill](#).
9. [Inspect vehicles](#); change windshield wipers.
10. Ensure vehicles are prepared and [equipped for winter](#).
11. Drivers should review these tips for [driving at night](#) from the National Safety Council ([NSC](#)).
12. Stock up on ice melt and ensure snow shovels are in good repair.
13. Review back injury prevention for [snow shoveling](#).

FTC Releases Cyber Resources for Small Businesses. The Federal Trade Commission ([FTC](#)) has released [new cyber resources](#) for small businesses, including non-profit and charity organizations. These resources, which cover topics such as ransomware, phishing, and email authentication, aim to help smaller organizations protect their network and information. The National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center ([NCCIC](#)) encourages small businesses and consumers to review FTC's [Cybersecurity Resources for Non-Profits](#) article, FTC's [Cybersecurity for Small Business](#) web page, and NCCIC's [Resources for Small and Midsize Businesses](#) web page for more information.

Recall Alert: Children's Toy Instrument Sets. This Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](#)) [recall](#) involves [INNOCHEER](#) children's musical instruments sets. Paint on the maracas, xylophone and carrying case contains levels of lead that exceed the federal lead paint ban. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health issues. The product was sold exclusively at [Amazon.com](#) from June 2018 through August 2018 for between \$21 and \$33. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled instrument sets and carrying case, take them away from children and contact Creative Sto for a full refund. Contact Creative Sto toll-free at 866-322-3361 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or email at support@myinnocheer.com for more information.

ACA Accreditation Process Workshops. This American Camping Association ([ACA](#)) [workshop](#) is designed for camp representatives who are preparing for accreditation visits in 2019 and beyond. The course is appropriate for those who are new to the accreditation process AND those who have been part of an accreditation visit or completed standards training in the past. Click [HERE](#) for a list of workshops near you.

Blog: Click [HERE](#) to read: **The Importance of Standard Operating Procedures**

Did you see this in the last E-news?

Showing Commitment: Safety Walkarounds is the title of a September 23, 2018 [Safety & Health magazine article](#) which poses the question, how can management demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy workplace? Try a safety walkaround. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)), safety walkarounds have two main purposes. The first is to show management engagement. The second is to allow managers to see firsthand how their organization's safety and health program is working, and whether it needs tweaking to better identify and eliminate hazards. OSHA says a safety walkaround should be performed in three stages: pre-inspection, onsite inspection and post-inspection. Read more [HERE](#).

Importance of Staff Screening. A September 12, 2018, [Philadelphia Magazine](#) article titled [How Did This Guy Get to Be a Head Lifeguard at a Philly Public Pool](#), reminds us of the importance of thorough [staff screening](#). The article states that police say that Michael Daniels sexually assaulted a girl while he was the supervising lifeguard at the John B. Kelly Pool. It turns out he has a string of arrests, and most recently pleaded guilty to indecent exposure in 2015. As for how a person with such a criminal record could be a lifeguard — let alone the supervising lifeguard — at a public pool in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation commissioner Kathryn Ott Lovell said the organization is “deeply troubled that this individual worked in the system and takes this allegation very seriously. We are currently undergoing a thorough review of our hiring practices. We will make any changes necessary to ensure that all seasonal PPR staff follow the proper guidelines and procedures.” Click [HERE](#) to read the full article and click [HERE](#) to view our “Considerations for Screening Employed and Volunteer Staff” available on our [Safe-Wise Resource Library](#).