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Webinar Announcement - A U.S. Secret Service Agent's Guide to Creating Safe Camps. This American Camping Association ([ACA](#)) [webinar](#) scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM EST, is meant to provide participants with concepts to proactively develop and/or improve safety and security at their camps and outdoor venues. The presentation will include discussion about threat assessments of facilities, continuity of operations planning, standard operating procedures, training for staff, and other important features. Participants should feel that they can proactively and positively promote a safe and secure outdoor venue without imposing on the serenity and ambiance of their location. By the end of this webinar, participants should:

1. Understand the importance of a Threat Assessment and understand what goes in to creating one.
2. How to outline current plans and identify things camps should have in place including: equipment, points of contact, and training programs.
3. Begin planning for contingencies in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.
4. Feel empowered to take a proactive approach in the development and improvements of safety planning.

Cost: \$35 ACA Members, Non-members \$70. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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](#).

Motor Vehicle Safety at Work. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health ([NIOSH](#)) wants you to build a motor vehicle safety program to keep workers safe on the road. Use these 4 steps: 1. As a company leader, commit to road safety. 2. Set clear expectations for drivers through written policies. 3. Select vehicles with high safety ratings, and schedule regular maintenance and inspections. 4. Use data to constantly improve your program. Click [HERE](#) to get more workplace road safety tips and resources from NIOSH. Additional resources are also available [HERE](#) on our [Safe-Wise Resource Library](#).

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](#).

Did you see this in the last E-news?

Workplace Training & Drills. Even the best workplace [emergency plans](#) mean nothing if people are not trained, and rehearsed through [regular drills](#). Employees need to clearly understand what to do in many given situations. On-going documented training should be conducted at least annually and [upon hire](#). Employees should practice these plans through regularly documented drills. Staff members need to be clear on the expectations of Fire, EMS and Police personnel, or they increase the risk of hurting someone or themselves. Proper documented training and drills also improves legal defensibility. An important point to emphasize in training is to look at the threats specific to each particular site the organization owns and / or operates. While the same plan in concept may apply, there may be different priorities depending on the facility layout, staffing structure and programs operated at each specific site. A one-size-fits-all approach should be avoided. The trainer needs to be provided adequate time to perform effective on-site training and drills. It is imperative to make sure employees fully understand the policies related to [workplace safety](#), are given adequate training, and the opportunity to participate in rehearsed [emergency plan](#) drills. Remember, [Safe-Wise Consulting](#) is familiar with many of the issues that regularly face organizations today and can assist your organization in [preparing for emergencies](#) with policies, procedures and training.

FTC Promotes Resources to Prevent Cyberbullying. The Federal Trade Commission ([FTC](#)) has released an announcement on the importance of addressing cyberbullying. As children return to school, the FTC encourages parents and educators to monitor kids' online activity and engage in conversations about preventing cyberbullying. The National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center ([NCCIC](#)) encourages users to review the [FTC's article](#) and the following resources for more information:

- [Stand Up to Cyberbullying](#) video
- [StopBullying.gov](#) website
- [Dealing with Cyberbullies](#) tip
- [Keeping Children Safe Online](#) tip