

Happy Holidays!

Safe-Wise Consulting wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!

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Winter Holiday Safety Tips. Tis the season – to celebrate safely! The Electrical Safety Foundation International ([ESFI](#)) wants you to know that this isn't just the time of year that we eat more than usual, it's also the time when we have the most household accidents and fires. To help make sure your holidays don't go from merry to scary, remember these [Twelve Holiday Safety Tips](#).

Benefits of ACA Accreditation. On Monday, December 10, 2018, [CBS News](#) carried a story about [Hundreds of Sexual Abuse Cases Reported at Children's Camps Across U.S.](#) While the American Camping Association ([ACA](#)) is pleased that CBS has brought the issue of camper safety to the forefront, ACA staff are working to assure that the information reaching the public is both accurate and helpful and, further, that the value of ACA accreditation is at the center of that discussion. It is critical that any follow up to this story helps educate parents about the value of ACA accreditation, including its focus around health and safety of campers and staff. ACA staff are ensuring relevant resources are readily available to camp professionals and the public. It is important to note, while individual states have varying levels of licensing requirements, ACA accreditation is the only standard across all 50 states and it often goes well beyond the minimal standards required by state regulation. The following highlights how ACA accreditation differs from state regulation: [ACA Accreditation Compared to State Regulation](#). The ACA also encourages accredited organizations to share the following resources from their website with any parents who may inquire about your processes for providing a fun, healthy and safe experience: [The Value of ACA Accreditation](#). To address parents' concerns regarding staffing, you may refer to the [specific standards about staff screening, supervision and training](#).

Questions Every CEO Should Ask About Cyber Risks. The Department of Homeland Security's ([DHS](#)), United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team ([US-CERT](#)) reports that as technology continues to evolve, cyber threats continue to grow in sophistication and complexity. Cyber threats affect businesses of all sizes and require the attention and involvement of chief executive officers (CEOs) and other senior leaders. To help companies understand their risks and prepare for cyber threats, CEOs should discuss key cybersecurity risk management topics with their leadership and implement cybersecurity best practices. Click [HERE](#) to view best practices compiled from lessons learned from incident response activities and managing cyber risk.

How to Safeguard Children from Sexual Abuse in Your Facility is the title of an [Aquatics International article](#) by [Rebecca Robledo](#). The article states that earlier this year, the industry was shocked to learn the outcome of a lawsuit involving child sexual abuse: A jury awarded a boy \$10 million — \$7 million of which must come from the venue, the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center of Pasadena, Calif. The family said that the child suffered several incidents of abuse over an approximately six-month period at the hands of an adult patron, who fled the country after the center was made aware of the accusations. The jury agreed with the family of the child, who was 11 years old at the time of the incidents. They determined that the center held 70% responsibility because the parents had entrusted it with the care of their child. Additionally, the family accused the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center of negligence, saying its lifeguards sensed something about the accused perpetrator and failed to report, as mandated by California law. Additionally, the family said that, while the center clearly took great care to protect visitors from drowning incidents, it was unprepared to handle child sexual abuse. Lifeguards weren't trained to report suspicious behavior, they said, and certain areas of the spacious facility such as the spa, locker rooms and family changing areas went largely unsupervised. Preventing these traumatic incidents from occurring at your aquatic's facility requires vigilance in multiple disciplines, including design, operations and training. Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

Did you see this in the last E-news?

Narcan Announcement. On October 24th, 2018, [Emergent BioSolutions](#) announced that it would make the drug naloxone, also known as [NARCAN® nasal spray](#), the first and only FDA-approved nasal form of naloxone for emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose, available to [high schools](#), [colleges & universities](#), [public library's](#) and [YMCA's](#) across the nation at no cost. The announcement was in conjunction with the President's signing of the recently passed [Opioid Crisis Response Act](#). For ordering information, download the form and send to communityprograms@ebsi.com or call 1-844-4-NARCAN (1-844-462-7226). Additional Opioid Awareness Education resources are available through [Be Aware Be Prepared.com](#). Organizations interested in implementing this program must ensure staff are trained to administer Narcan, in accordance with state law and the Medical Control Physician's guidelines. Please contact Safe-Wise [HERE](#) for questions or for assistance with developing a Narcan Administration Policy.

MAHC Adoption Update: The Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code ([CMAHC](#)) is excited to share that the state of Rhode Island adopted the [MAHC](#) design standards/Chapter 4 beginning January 1, 2019. That puts the MAHC at a total of 4 majority adoptions and 5 partial adoptions of the MAHC by 5 states, 1 county, and 3 government agencies with at least 21 states/counties in the process of, or considering, adoption. Check out the [new map](#) illustrating MAHC adoptions now available on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) website. Click [HERE](#) to view the new CMAHC brochure, which showcases past and current successes, as well as future priorities.