



Safe-Wise Consulting Wishes You a Safe and Happy New Year!

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Retirement Announcement. Please join us in extending our best wishes to Christopher Mogridge, who, effective January 1, 2019, has retired from Safe-Wise Consulting. Chris is a founding member and has been an esteemed partner for over 11 years, and he will be greatly missed by our clients and colleagues alike. We have all benefited from his [extensive experience](#), knowledge, and innovative style that helped Safe-Wise provide a realistic and intuitive approach as it strengthened the safety practices of organizations across the country. We know you will all join us in wishing Chris well as he starts a new chapter in his interesting life. He is eager to spend more time with family, especially with his three, soon to be four, grandchildren, as well as catch up on traveling, hiking, wilderness canoeing, kayaking, hunting, fishing and helping others through his volunteer efforts with his local food pantry and as the Family Relations Chair on the [board](#) of the [Monadnock Habitat for Humanity](#), which he loves so much. He will be joined on these adventures by his wife Helene who will also be retiring this spring. Congratulations, Chris, good luck and thank you for your decades of service to so many youth-serving organizations, improving the safety and health of so many. You have much to be proud of and we will miss you greatly! Please feel free to reach out to Chris personally, via [e-mail](#), to extend your personal wishes.

2019 Training Reminder. Safe-Wise offers a wide range of customized [training programs](#) that enhance your organization's ability to operate effectively whether you need a small or large group format or a train-the-trainer session. With the 2019 Summer Camp and Aquatic seasons just around the corner, our most popular training dates are already filling up fast. Don't miss out! Contact your Safe-Wise consultant or Safe-Wise Consulting [HERE](#) to schedule a training today.

Protecting Kids Online. Whether users are going online with a computer, laptop, smartphone, gaming console, digital reader or other device the risk of a security compromise is very real. However, threats may come in different forms depending on the device being used and the sites the user is visiting while online. Protecting children, teens and their devices from online threats is an ever-growing challenge for parents and educators--even for those who work amid the cyber security industry themselves. Click [HERE](#) to view *A Parent's Guide To Protecting Their Kids Online* from [Security.org](#).

Safety and Health Programs. The main goal of [safety and health programs](#) is to prevent workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths, as well as the suffering and financial hardship these events can cause for workers, their families, and employers. Begin with a basic program and simple goals and grow from there. If you focus on achieving goals, monitoring performance, and evaluating outcomes, your workplace can progress along the path to higher levels of safety and health achievement this new year. Here are three popular resources from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)) that can help you establish or improve a program:

[10 Ways to Get Your Program Started](#)

[Making Safety Personal](#)

[Safety Walk-Arounds for Managers](#)

Did you see this in the last E-news?

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.

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.