



## **Risk Management Program and Assessment Process**

Risk management is the process of planning, organizing, leading, and controlling the activities of an organization in order to minimize the effects of risk on an organization's mission. Safe-Wise Consulting expands the process to include not just risks associated with accidental losses, but also financial, strategic, operational, and other risks. We work with organizations to provide a framework for risk management, which typically involves identifying particular events or circumstances relevant to the organization's objectives (risks and opportunities), assessing them in terms of likelihood and magnitude of impact, determining a response strategy, and monitoring progress.

### **Risk Assessment:**

The first step for managing the risks of your organization is the assessment process. Organizations can develop an effective program for managing risk only after properly assessing and analyzing their operations and risks. By identifying and proactively addressing risks and opportunities, Organizations can protect their assets and create greater safety for their members, employees, volunteers and communities. Through our comprehensive assessment process Safe-Wise Consulting will integrate concepts of strategic planning, operational management, and internal control to create your organization's risk management plan.

### **Assessment Process:**

Our assessment process offers both electronic and on-site components. The risk assessment process incorporates the following key elements for addressing risk for your organization:

Aquatic Safety – Our [Ready Guard program](#) is based on aquatic industry guidelines and core safety philosophies. It builds a system for maintaining the highest level of aquatic safety in all aquatic venues. Our assessment process will analyze and evaluate current practices and Lifeguard performance before setting a course for organizational improvement. Aquatic safety practices will be implemented to encourage organizational commitment and awareness along with monitoring strategies to ensure heightened vigilance.

Child Abuse Prevention – Our [comprehensive child abuse prevention program](#) builds strategies that protect children, staff and the organization. Child Abuse Prevention has no single prevention technique. Our assessment process emphasizes the strategies that must be embraced throughout the organization in order to reduce the opportunities for abuse. These strategies are based on nationally recognized guidelines, principles and values. Our work will help empower staff, children, families, the community and the organization to work together in protecting one of our most valuable assets.

Emergency Preparedness – Action during times of crisis can often affect the final outcome of critical situations. Being prepared for possible emergencies and crisis takes planning and practice. Safe-Wise is familiar with many of the issues that regularly face nonprofits today and can work with your organization to prepare for emergencies with policies, procedures and training. We can assist you in developing a practical drill program that will prepare your organization and staff for critical times.

Facilities - Facility issues can often lead to accidents and losses. The assessment process reviews design, function and security of planned and existing buildings to develop strong loss prevention practices. Key areas such as life-safety, maintenance, prevention and inspection practices are reviewed and strengthened in current facilities. Design considerations for accident/incident prevention, loss control and security are reviewed and strengthened for facilities in the design phase. This process is particularly effective because of our knowledge of common experiences and safety concerns at youth serving facilities.

Financial Control - Nonprofit organizations must be good stewards of the monies they receive. This includes incorporating sound financial controls into their daily activities as well as implementing policies that help the organization manage its finances. Safe-Wise works with your organization to ensure that proper checks and balances as well as overview practices are in place to protect your organization from financial harm.

Governance – The Board of Directors is the authority when it comes to overseeing a nonprofit organization. Their responsibility for implementing proper policies for staff to implement is important. Safe-Wise works with your organization to ensure proper governance practices and policies are in place. We also assist you with your training of volunteer leadership.

Risk Transfer – The use of waivers, contracts, agreements and other risk transfer vehicles can often confuse nonprofit leaders. Safe-Wise provides simple examples and practical applications to help protect your organization.

Staff Safety - Organizations can prevent and reduce accidents by developing a culture of safety with staff. Safe-Wise guides you in implementing practices that will encourage this culture throughout your organization. Employed and volunteer staff makes our operations run efficiently and effectively and they will embrace safety practices that are appropriate to youth work when they are properly oriented, trained and supervised. When a strong safety culture is created at your organization, accidental losses and workers' compensation experience will be reduced.

Transportation Safety – Whether you transport equipment, people or contract out for services, your nonprofit needs to ensure it has strong transportation risk management strategies in place. Our comprehensive transportation program can help you to ensure that safety is focused on and accidents are reduced.

Trends & Critical Topics - Safe-Wise stays informed on current issues and trends involving the key risk management issues for nonprofits today. We analyze this information to keep you current and informed. Current information can assist organizations in staying ahead of the curve and preventing incidents thereby protecting youth and others from harm.

Every organization is different and has different needs. By analyzing your operations we can partner with you to develop the right combination of services to meet your needs.

### **Electronic Assessments:**

All assessment programs are initially conducted with our electronic model. Assessment models include:

- Nonprofit organization risk management assessment
- Aquatic safety assessment
- Day Camp assessment
- Resident Camp assessment
- Transportation program assessment
- Youth protection assessment

### **Onsite Assessments:**

Onsite services are available after the initial electronic model is completed. Visits onsite include review of facilities, programs, staff interviews and emergency drills (optional). These visits can often be combined with training programs to offer a more customized and complete risk management service plan.

After the assessment process is complete we partner with your organization in the development and implementation of a plan for strengthening practices at your organization. Goals in your plan are attained through regular email and phone support, progress review, resource development, on-site and online training programs.

Safe-Wise connects you with the resources for your success through our monthly e-newsletter, bi-monthly safety reminders, and access to our extensive library of customizable resources.

Please see our listing of service options and online resource library for more information.

[Safe-Wise Consulting Online Resource Library](#)