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**More information on the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act (VGB)** is now available at a new [resource site](#) for the latest VGB news, industry regulations and training. Aquatic professionals can browse the resource library, register for a live events and learn how VGB effects their operations.

**The Nonprofit Risk Management Center's 16th annual conference** will convene September 18-20 at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center on Seattle's waterfront. Visit (and bookmark) the [Summit Webpage](#) for preliminary conference information.

**Stop Bullying Now is an effective resource for bullying prevention programs.** From high-school and middle-school youth activists, to community organizations and after-school programs, the Stop Bullying Now! Activities Guide has something for everyone. Activities can be adapted for most group, programs and communities. The goal of the program is to spread the word about bullying prevention and for youth to have fun doing it. Read more [HERE](#).

**Electrostatic shocks through headphones on treadmills can be a problem.** A number of fitness facilities have been presented with the incident of participants experiencing static shocks through their audio-headphones when using treadmills. Most major manufacturers of treadmills have information that can help your organization manage the issues associated with this type of incident. Read more [HERE](#).

**A recent study suggests a link to asthma and swimming pools.** The results of a recent survey of 303 young swimmers were presented at the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting. This survey is the latest research showing a correlation between swimming and respiratory problems, generally thought to be associated with chlorine disinfection byproducts. Read more [HERE](#).

**A recent article covers the importance of having AEDs readily available.** A referee collapsed on the gymnasium floor, unconscious and not breathing, during a recent a junior varsity girls' high school basketball game. An off-duty EMT and two nurses, as well as the school's contracted athletic trainer, attended to the man as more than 200 spectators were evacuated calmly to the school's cafeteria. The four people performed CPR on the referee and then used an AED to return life to the man. AEDs are an important life-saving device that along with [emergency oxygen](#) and trained staff can effectively assist in these types of [emergency situations](#). Read more [HERE](#).

**Information about the 2011 Pool Safety Campaign is available online.** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) unveiled its first campaign last year that was developed to promote pool safety and the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. Updates for 2011 have been added to increase the effectiveness of the campaign. Read more [HERE](#).

**Plan now to participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April.** The national effort and help you to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. More about the about the history of the month and sample strategies for engaging communities and supporting families is available from the [US Department of Health and Human Services](#). Events and activities can be tied into regular program efforts, parent meetings and community activities over the month of April.

### **This Month's Topics:**

*Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB Act) resources*

*Annual Risk Management Conference*

*Bullying Prevention resources*

*Static Shock on Treadmills*

*Asthma and Swimming Pools*

*AED Saves a Life*

*Pool Safety Campaign 2011*

*National Child Abuse Prevention Month*