

Why Risk It?

RISK REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS & REVIEWS

The Y in Central Maryland



June/July 2024

Spotlight: Camp Counselor Roles Around Water

With camp season upon us, many of our campers will be headed for the pool or waterfront. As such, it's important to think about how camp counselors can play a crucial role in supporting lifeguards.

- Everyone should understand that water activities are not break time for counselors just because lifeguards are present. Rather, water activity time is when everyone needs to be most vigilant.
- Counselors are expected to be present in all areas of the pool, including in the shallow water. They should be a second set of eyes for lifeguards, not chatting or engaging with their peers.
- Counselors can assist the lifeguards in making sure that campers are swimming in the area that is specific to their ability.
- Counselors should count the faces, not just the heads, in their group often. This helps ensure that they know where their campers are, and also how they are doing.

Counselors can play an important role in enforcing rules and encouraging appropriate behaviors. By working together with lifeguards, counselors can add extra layers of protection—helping ensure that all activities are safe and appropriate, and that guards can focus their attention on guarding the pool.

(information courtesy of The Redwoods Group)

Risk Reduction Recommendations

Eliminating Distracted Driving

Whether our drivers are transporting youth or delivering supplies, it is important that they are focused 100% on driving.

This short [MicroLearning](#) provides information and guidance on:

- the consequences of distracted driving
- the types of distractions
- cell phone usage
- eliminating distractions



We are dedicated to keeping people safe within our facilities. We want to make sure that same focus to safety is implemented when in a vehicle. Let's do all we can to practice mindful, distraction free, safe driving.

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Risk Raves and Reviews

We'd like to recognize these associates who have recently demonstrated heroic feats in assisting others. Thank you!

Dennis Feeley - Orokawa Y
Tyler Martin - Ward Y
Teania Hicks - Campfield Head Start
Sharae Johnson - Campfield Head Start
Michele Howe - Ward Y
Karen Wilhour - Orokawa Y
Greta Hardwick - Orokawa Y
Charles Simms - Ward Y
Erin Buffington - Ward Y
Ashley Roberts - Ward Y
Adedotun Adebayo - Weinberg Y
Alexis Perkins - Weinberg Y
Stefanie Weir - Orokawa Y
Kristian Caswell - Orokawa Y
William Belk - Weinberg Y
Michelle Morrow - Parkville Y
Heidi Hunter - Orokawa Y
Thomas Sisson - Ward Y
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Risk Reminders

Questions about mitigating risk? Email riskmanagement@ymaryland.org.