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Asset Non-Management Can Lead to Litigation September 13, 2018



### **Your Assets**

- Investment in your future
- Potential source of future liabilities







## **Effective Management**

- Better value for your money
- Improved service delivery
- Protect the public
- Provide a safe workplace for your employees



## Risk Management

 Employ custom Risk Management services that mitigate incidents before they occur





## The Goal of Risk Management

Pay a little bit now or pay a lot more later





### **Maintenance**

## 80% of big problems were once small problems

Development & execution of a preventative maintenance program can help to extend the life expectancy of your asset.



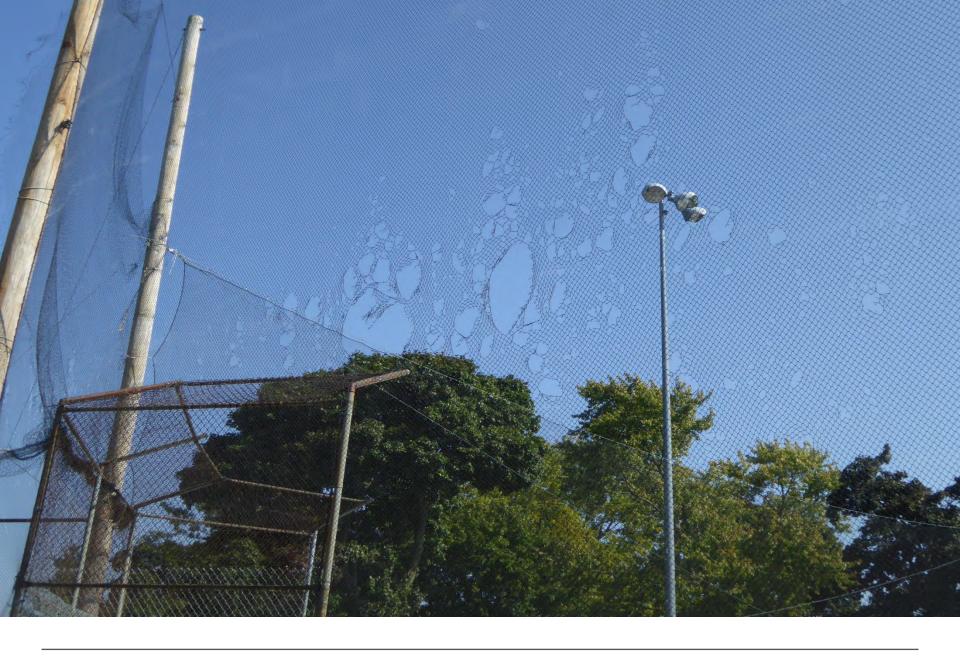












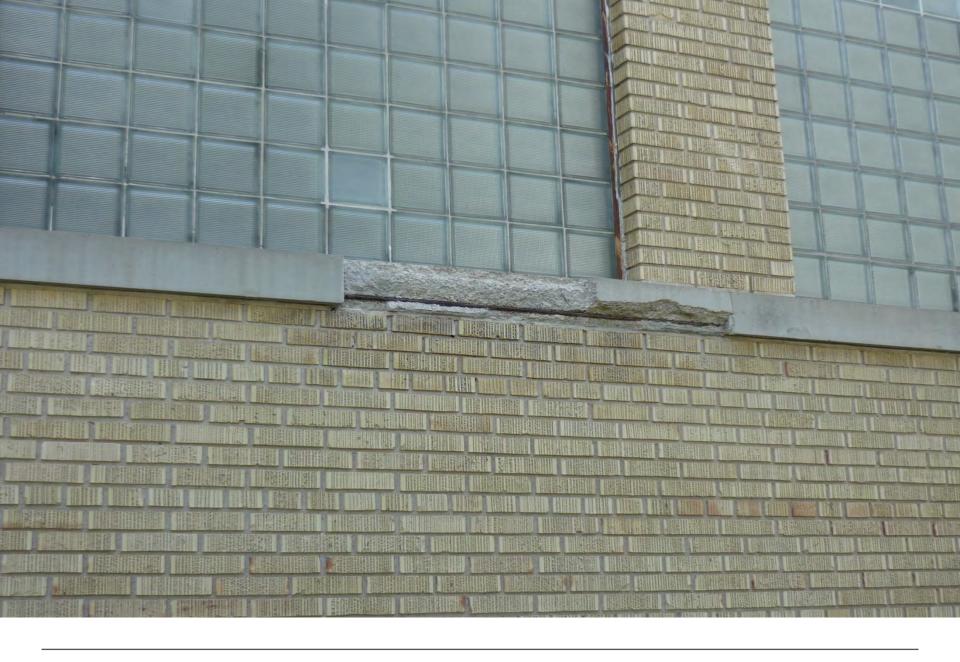








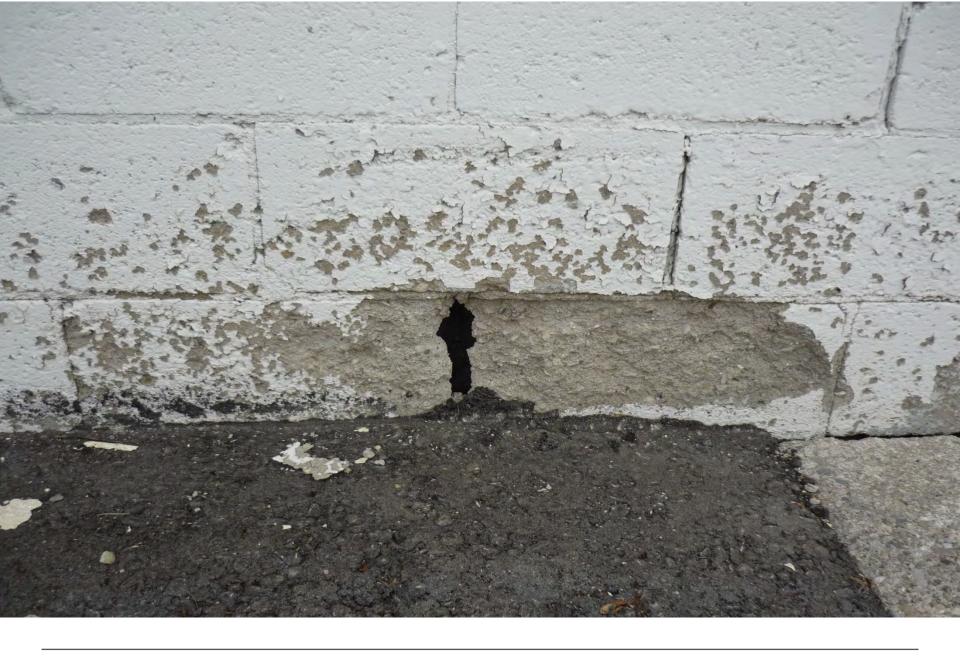




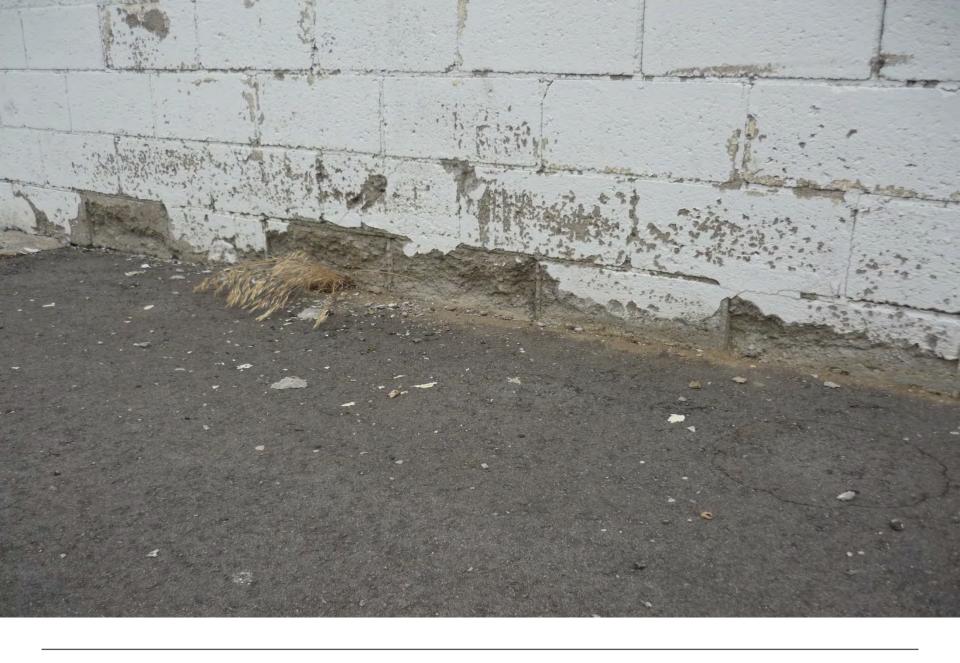




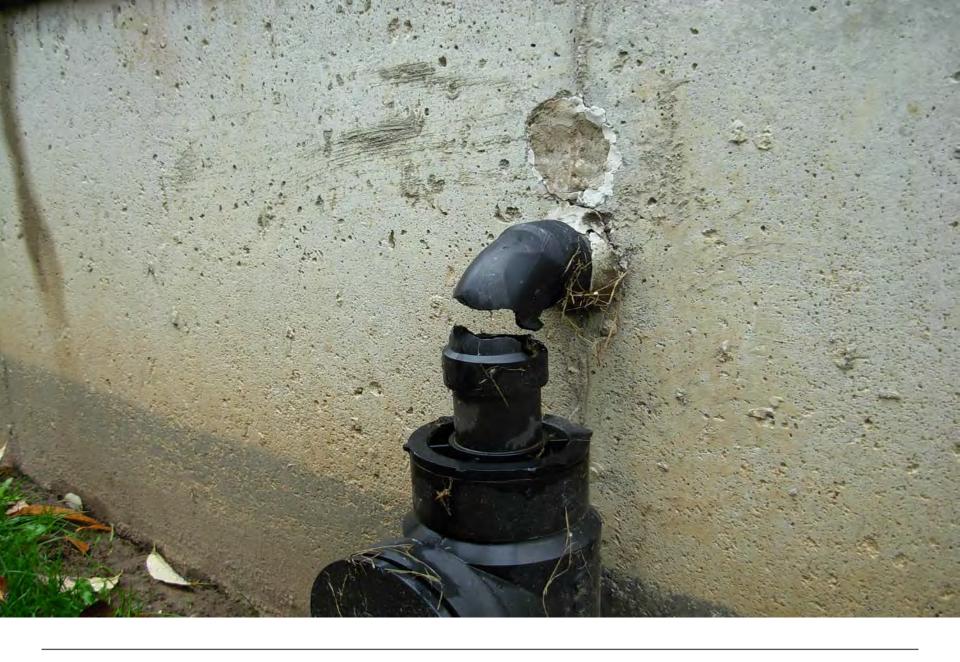






































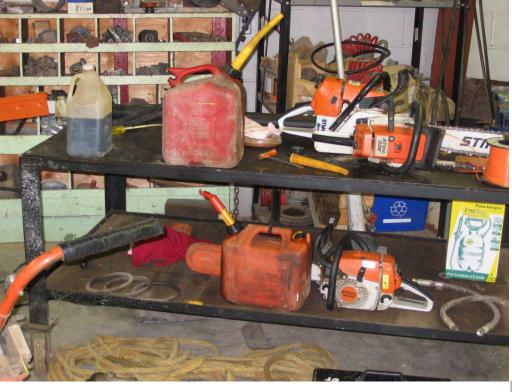












## **Storage Hazards**









### **Fire Door Hazards**













Hazardous Fire Extinguishers







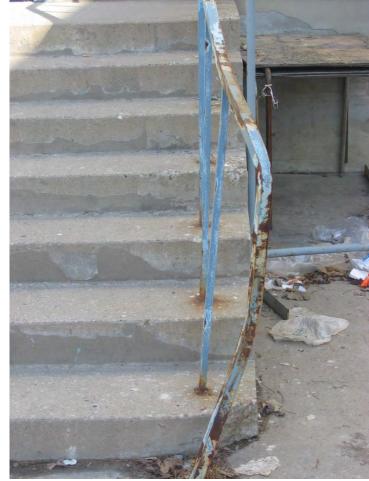












#### **Potential for Bodily Harm**





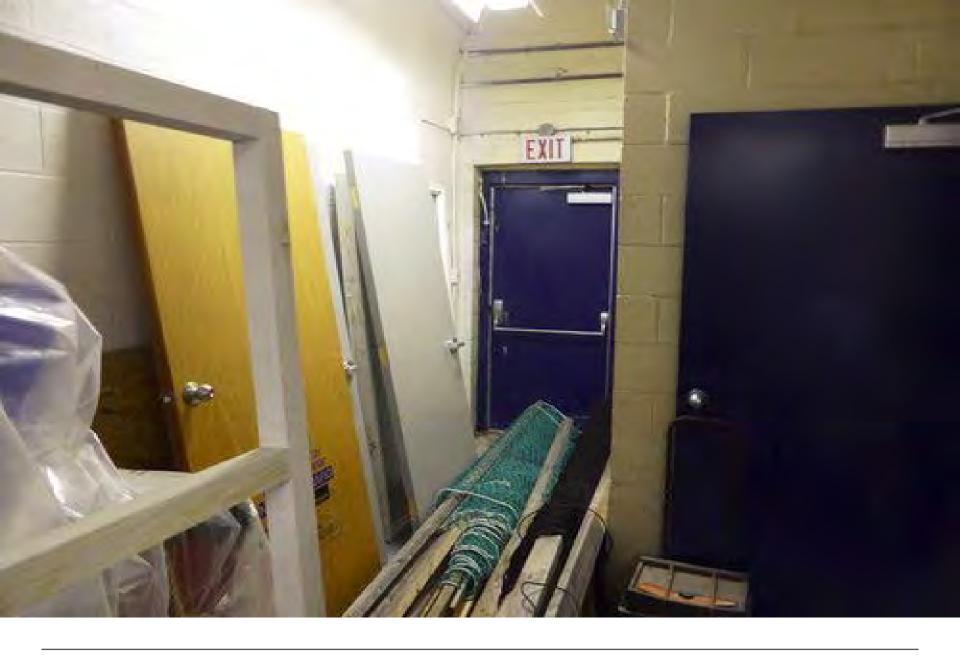
### Other Premises Hazards





























# Five Elements of a Facility Risk Management Plan:

- Facility Maintenance
- Behavior Management
- Emergency Management
- Activity Supervision
- Documentation & Staff Training



#### **Fire Loss**

Older structures can have the following issues:

- Asbestos
- Lead paint
- Environmental



# **Loss Mitigation**

•	Security	Costs to secure	\$86,805
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<ul> <li>Structural Engineer</li> </ul>	\$13,162
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•	Geotechnical Assessment	\$8,374
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Environmental \$17,601



#### **Document Reconstruction**

- Covered in asbestos
- Purchased a photocopier
- Positioned it in an outside makeshift office
- Photocopied the documents
- Discarded the printer according to regulations





#### **Lack of Communication**

- Odor control system of a wastewater treatment facility
- Requires water to be around the heating elements to maintain control of methane gas build-up
- Insured's responsibility to monitor water levels around the heating elements
- Employee had trouble with the water portion
- Manually shut down the system



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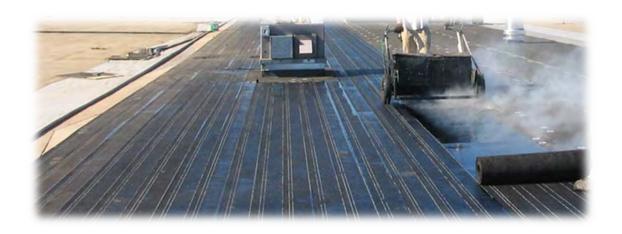
- Went off shift but told no one he had shut down the system
- Next employee notices water system not operating so keeps trying the automatic start
- System comes on without the water
- Explosion in the wastewater treatment facility



### **Managing Contractors**

- Hot Tar Roofers
- Welders

Will have warranties on their policies. Warranties outline the protocol to follow before leaving the premises. Noncompliance can void the coverage.





### Claims Example

- Municipal building fire loss new roof
- Surveillance cameras indicate the time roofers left the site
- Non-compliance with the insurance warranty
- Subrogation issues





### Housekeeping

- Inspection routine
- Electrical/mechanical rooms
- General housekeeping
- Exteriors fire route, snow route
- Storage areas (flammables, combustibles, storage height, commodities, etc)



#### **Checklists**

**checklist** is a type of informational job aid used to reduce <u>failure</u> by compensating for potential limits of human <u>memory</u> and <u>attention</u>.

Ensure consistency and completeness in carrying out a task. A basic example is the "to do list."

A primary task in checklist is documentation of the task and auditing against the documentation.

Source: Wikipedia



#### Who Uses Checklists?

- ✓ Airlines US Airways Flight 1549
- √ Hospitals
- ✓ Lawyers
- ✓ Frank Cowan Company Risk Inspectors
- ✓ Rock Bands Van Halen



#### Why are they used?

- Make sure you don't overlook the basics
- Allow you to focus on the task at hand
- Keep staff disciplined and on track
- Save you time
- Documentation during litigation
- Encourage a high level of professionalism & discipline





#### **Checklist For Aisles and Corridors**

INSPECTION CHECKLIST				AFIER	COMPLETING YOUR IN:	SPECTION, IR	ANSFE	RYOURC	ONCERNS	OBSERVATI	ONS TO TH	IIS AREA
Date of Inspection: Inspection:				Facility: Staff Contact: Date Inspected:				Name: Telephone Number:				
Location/Address:												
Weather Condition:								Time:				
				RECOMMENDATION(S)	COMPLETED	FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS						
AISLES & CORRIDORS		N	N CONCERNS/OBSERVA	ATIONS	ACTION REQUIRED	DATE	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	BI-WEEKLY	YEARLY
Are all aisles and corridors free of storage and obstructions	0	o					C	C	c	C	0	0
Are exit signs present in all aisles and corridors	0	0					0	C	C	C	0	0
Are there emergency lighting units present in aisles and corridors	0	C					0	C	C	C	0	C
Is there adequate lighting available in aisle and corridors	0	0					0	C	0	C	0	0
Are floor coverings present at all entrances and exits	0	0					0	C	0	C	0	0
Are all floor coverings free of trip hazards	0	C					0	C	C	C	C	0
Are there any slippery or wet areas in aisles or corridors	O	0					C	C	0	C	C	0
If Yes, is there wet floor signage present	0	C					0	0	0	C	C	0
Do all floors have a slip resistant finish in aisles and corridors	C	c					0	0	C	0	C	C
Describe overall condition of floors G Good G Fair G Poor						0	0	0	0	0	0	
Are there any dead end aisles or corridors present	0	0					0	0	0	C	0	0
If Yes, is there signage posted	0	C					0	0	O	0	C	0
Are fire doors in aisles or corridors equipped with self closing devices	O	C					C	C	C	C	0	0
Are all fire doors closed in the aisles or corridors	0	0					0	0	(0)	C	C	0
If No, are there Magnetic Hold Open Devices present	0	0					0	0	o	C	0	0

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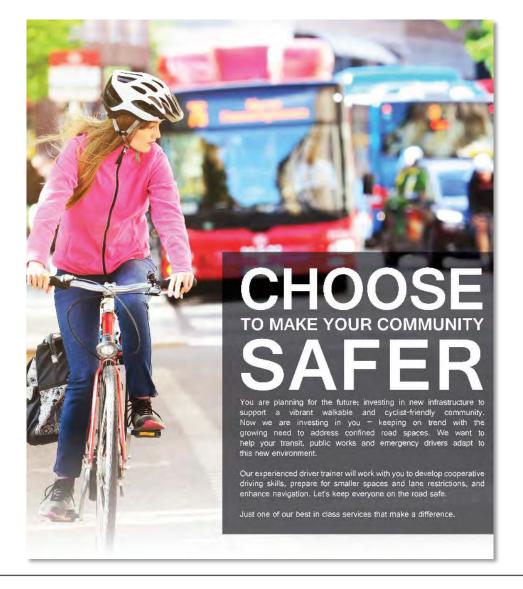


# The **BIGGEST THING** about Risk Management is that it is **NOT AN EVENT**

... it's a continuous process!



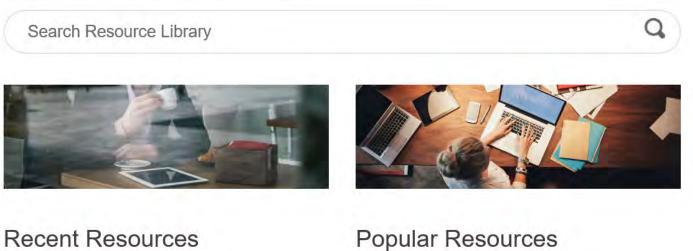
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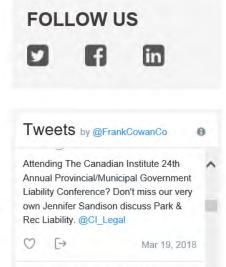




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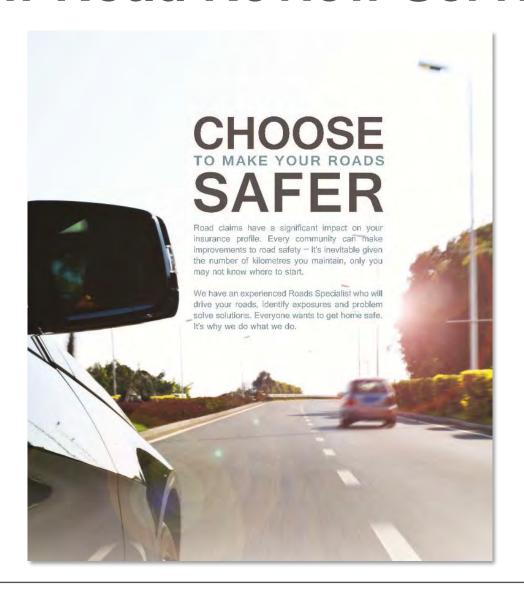
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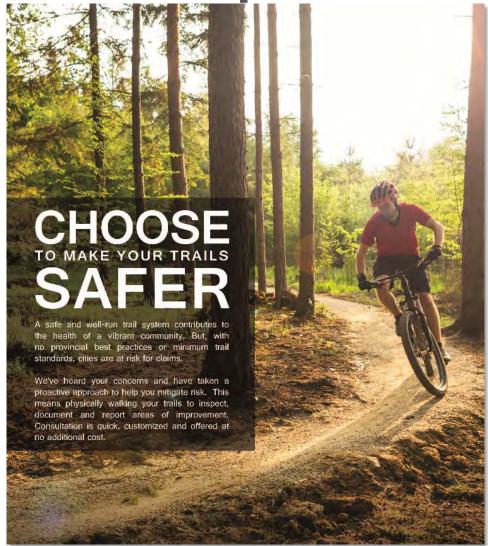


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**Trail Inspections** 





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