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Northern California Conference Risk Management Newsletter

Hope you're staying cool this summer—it's a hot one! SUMMER 2022

## Don't be Cyber-Excluded!

Okay, not sure if that would be the technical way to say that, but in case you aren't aware, we do have cyber liability coverage. At least in the state of California, if personal, sensitive data is breached, the organization may be responsible for providing up to two years of identity protection like LifeLock for every single individual whose information was breached. That can add up. Cyber-liability coverage also answers to losses pertaining to ransomware attacks, crisis management (including P/R), legal and forensics, business interruption, data recovery, and other things you don't want to have to deal with out of your own pocket (and probably out of your own expertise).

*However*, the NCC binds coverage stating we have certain parameters in place (and at the office we do), but we can't speak for everything that happens at every single one of our entities when it comes to cyber practices (and you know that can be a gigantic spectrum). So—bottom line—make sure your entity is doing each of the six steps below to ensure that **a**) your entity is doing everything possible to stay cyber-safe, and **b**) if your entity does get hit by a cyber-loss, there will be as little grounds for denial of coverage as possible. The six controls are:

- 1. Multi-factor authorization on data sensitive devices/programs
- 2. VPN
- 3. The email platform used has an email scanning system in place to detect malware, etc.
- 4. Every machine is to have antivirus software installed and set to auto-update
- 5. Operating system is auto updated
- 6. Version backups

If you have questions as to what all this entails—that makes two of us. Thankfully, I'm not the one that does all the IT stuff around here. If you have questions, please DO NOT ask me, ask your friendly <u>NCC IT department</u>. They'd be happy to assist.

## **NEW WEBSITE UPDATE**

In case you didn't know, the NCC has a new website at www.nccsda.com. In a lot of ways, it's an upgrade from our previous, *however*, at the current time, while things are getting set up, the risk management area is not quite what it will be (under construction). We'll let you know when it's fully up to speed. "The status-quo habits for 'grandfathered' vulnerabilities do not legitimize them." *Stephane Nappo* 

## New Safety Officer/Pastoral Training on Safety Available! If you are actually reading these, you

might notice this is a repeat—but that's okay! I felt it was awesome enough that it deserved a second go-round. Have you ever thought it'd be cool to have an online course on safety training for safety officers, pastors, and more? Well, okay, even if you never have, it's a great idea and now it's available! ARM now offers free online courses for pastors and safety officers that I highly recommend. I've been through it and it's a very good resource for both pastors and safety officers (I'd advise folks taking both just because they both have great information). If you're a pastor, or a safety officer, or an assistant safety officer, or on a safety committee, or you have new safety officers in your church, or just plain a member of a church, please check out these free online courses on risk management: https://adventistrisk.org/en-us/safetyresources/risk-training-center

And remember, https://adventistrisk. org/en-us/home is rich in resources for risk management for our schools, churches, personally, and for other ministries—take advantage of them.

> No sense in reinventing the wheel on safety info when there's so much here.

BE BLESSED! JEFFREY MAXWELL, NCC RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

## QUESTIONS?



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