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## USA Swimming Safe Sport Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a foundation that allows for direct on-going communication with each of you. Information contained within will cover the most current Safe Sport related information. If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions, please e-mail us at [athleteprotection@usaswimming.org](mailto:athleteprotection@usaswimming.org).

## Safe Sport Updates

**2014 Aquatic Sports Convention!** This annual convention provides an opportunity for USA Swimming to gather all of its delegates together for the purpose of making decisions that will affect the future of our sport; trainings are offered, officers are elected and rules and legislation proposals are voted on. Once again, Safe Sport will be incorporated into the convention schedule and we look forward to seeing you there. You can find all convention information and related documents [here](#).

## Resources

**Social media!** It has really changed the way that young people communicate. This in turn has opened up a whole new world to cyber-bullying, sexting, dating abuse and so much more. We have seen this occur at swim clubs across the country and coaches and parents are asking for resources in how to address this growing issue. MTV has a great campaign called 'A Thin Line'. A Thin Line is a tool that can be used to assist in starting a conversation with young people about these issues. It includes facts, service announcements, interactive quiz's and additional resources to help communicate and raise awareness. Check out all the information that A Thin Line has to offer [here](#).

## Remind Your Clubs

**Please continue to remind teams** about the free education available for parents and athletes! Educating our members about Safe Sport is extremely important. You can initiate and access all the information about the trainings here.

## Safe Sport Literature

**Positive role models!** This is such a great way to describe athletes in today's society. A high school in Maine has worked hard with their student athletes to encourage other student athletes to become leaders

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in their communities. Please take a minute to read '[A New Kind of Athlete](#)' and watch the video that the boys basketball team created. It is a quick yet great read into how athletes can become the example for a better community.

***"He was so popular and his behavior was so normalized that I never felt comfortable or safe enough to say anything"***

Lastly, but certainly not least, the above quote comes from a recent article written about the struggle young people face to disclose the abuse that they endured particularly when the adult is someone that is so highly admired by the community they are in. This article titled 'Teacher Leaves Elite LA School After Alleged Student Affair, Inappropriate Relationships' gives great insight into this struggle. Reading this article will sure to leave you with a better sense of how difficult it is to combat a predator in a world that worships him/her. You can find it in full [here](#).

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