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# Preventing Fatal Incidents in School and Youth Group Camps and Excursions

Understanding the Unthinkable

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