

GUIDE TO
**OCCUPATIONAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
AND SAFETY INFORMATION**
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PREFACE

The *Guide to Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Information in British Columbia* is a directory of government agencies, libraries, associations, and other institutions with varying degrees of expertise in or containing information on occupational health and safety, including such areas as workers' compensation, rehabilitation, and environmental health, among others. While the emphasis is on organizations located in British Columbia, numerous agencies with a national mandate or service orientation have also been noted.

The first edition, under the title *Guide to Occupational Health and Safety Information in British Columbia*, was compiled in 1995 by Kristen Andrews while completing her Masters degree in the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia. It was based on an earlier work, *A Worker's Guide to Occupational Health and Safety Resources*, published in 1986 by the Vancouver Committee on Occupational Health and Safety (VanCOSH), in cooperation with the Capilano College Labour Studies program.

The second (1997), third (1999), fourth (2001, rev. 2003), and fifth (2006, online only) editions of the *Guide* were updated and expanded by Marci Gibson and Lance Nordstrom, Library Services, Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia (WorkSafeBC), to include a wider selection of Internet sites and CD-ROM databases relevant to the practice of occupational and environmental health and safety, as well as a bibliography of pertinent literature.

The sixth edition continues the tradition of the earlier guides, though it is now only available in an electronic format. As always, the compilers assume full responsibility for any errors or omissions in this document. Corrections, additions, or comments should be addressed to the authors at:

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INTRODUCTION

Occupational health and safety is a major concern to workers and employers in the province of British Columbia and elsewhere. The high personal, social, and economic costs associated with workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities can often be prevented by an informed workforce. The *Guide to Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Information in British Columbia* is intended to assist in educating the British Columbia workforce about sources of relevant information. It identifies agencies and information centres contributing to the development of a knowledgeable labour population with respect to safe work practices and greater awareness of occupational risks and hazards.

This *Guide* is organized into three parts: (1) a directory of information centres, (2) annotated lists of Internet sites and CDROM databases, and (3) a bibliography of printed literature. Part 1 of the *Guide* identifies: (a) organizations with special library collections or public information on occupational health and safety (OH&S) topics, (b) organizations whose members or staff have special expertise in OH&S, and (c) educational institutions offering OH&S courses and programs. Where possible, each entry provides the mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, email address and/or Internet Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a brief description of the organization's mandate and primary functions.

Special attention is given to library resources. While many of the smaller, private libraries do not lend their materials directly to the public, some make their collections available via interlibrary loan. Interlibrary loans are arranged through the intermediary services of a library where you do have borrowing privileges by membership or affiliation, such as college and public libraries. Most of the libraries listed in the *Guide* catalogue their materials using Library of Congress subject headings. Under this system, you will find occupational health and safety materials under such topical headings as:

- Accidents--Prevention
- Chemicals--Accidents
- Chemicals--Physiological effect
- Chemicals--Safety measures
 - see also:
 - groups of chemicals, e.g., Acids, Alkalies, Explosives;*
 - and individual chemical substances, e.g., Antimony, Barium, Phenol*
- Color in industrial safety
- Communication in industrial safety
- Environmental health
- Factories--Safety measures
- Hazardous substances
- Industrial accidents
- Industrial hygiene
 - see also:
 - subdivision Health and hygiene under occupational groups, e.g.,*
 - Printers--Health and hygiene
 - subdivision Employees--Health and hygiene under types of industries, e.g.,*
 - Construction industry--Employees--Health and hygiene
 - subdivision Health aspects under types of industries, structures, and processes, e.g.,*
 - Construction industry--Health aspects
 - Welding--Health aspects
- Medicine, Industrial
- Safety education, Industrial
- Safety regulations
 - see also:
 - subdivision Safety regulations under subjects, e.g.,*
 - Construction industry--Safety regulations
 - Machinery--Safety regulations
- Safety signs

Part 2 of the *Guide* describes useful websites on the Internet and several commercially-available CD-ROM or Internet databases which deal exclusively or primarily with occupational health and safety. The websites are all freely accessible on the Internet, though some online resources require a paid subscription and use is password-protected. Some of the CD-ROM databases listed may be searched on-site at the Library of the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia (WCB) and elsewhere (*e.g.*, BCIT Library, UBC Woodward Library). However, the current trend in many libraries is to subscribe to Internet databases which are usually updated more frequently than CD-ROMs and avoid the need for setup and installation on local workstations. Each entry for these electronic information sources provides a brief description of the site or product, as well as the respective URL or database producer.

Part 3 of the *Guide* is a selective bibliography of books, reports, and journals covering the OH&S literature, with special reference to British Columbia sources where available. The bibliography is based on holdings at the WorkSafeBC Library, and visitors are welcome to examine these materials on-site; however, loans to the public are not permitted and the material cannot therefore be borrowed directly. Many of the items are also held by other libraries and some are offered free of charge or at a minimal cost by the publishers, including the many publications produced by the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia.

PART 1

INFORMATION CENTRES



1.1 Government Departments and Agencies

1.1.1 Federal Agencies

Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI)

Building M-55, 1200 Montreal Road, Ottawa, ON K1A 0R6

web: <http://www.cisti.org>

tel: (613) 998-8544

fax: (613) 993-7619

toll-free: 1-800-668-1222

email: info.cisti@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

The CISTI Library contains over 600,000 books, 50,000 periodicals, 2,000,000 microfiche titles and audiovisual materials. This comprehensive science library includes some OH&S information in the health sciences area and provides such services as: lending, reference assistance, interlibrary loan, information, patent and literature searches, online database searches, cataloguing, document delivery, and current awareness services. Fees may be charged for some of these services.

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)

135 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1M5

web: <http://www.ccohs.ca>

tel: (905) 570-8094

fax: (905) 572-4500

toll-free: 1-800-668-4284

email: clientservices@ccohs.ca

A national occupational health and safety resource since 1978, established to "promote the fundamental right of Canadians to a healthy and safe working environment." CCOHS provides an excellent and comprehensive source of Canadian OH&S information through a free and confidential inquiries service, publications, and CCINFO, a computerized information service (*see **Electronic Information** section of the guide for details on CCINFO*)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

280 Slater Street, Box 1046, Station B, Ottawa ON K1P 5S9

web: <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/>

tel: (613) 995-5894

fax: (613) 995-5086

toll-free: 1-800-668-5284

email: info@cnsccsn.gc.ca

An independent agency responsible for the control of health, safety, security, and environmental aspects of nuclear energy and radioactive materials in Canada.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Canadian Coast Guard - Pacific Regional Office

Suite 200 - 401 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3S4

web: www.pacific.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/

tel: (604) 775-8888

Responsible for marine navigational safety and maintains services including:

- search and rescue
- regulations and standards concerning safe navigation and conduct of ships, navigational and radio instrumentation, ship electronic equipment, and survival gear
- radio communications to detect maritime safety incidents and to broadcast marine safety information
- making policies and plans for dealing with marine environmental emergencies.

Health Canada

Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission

427 Laurier Avenue West, 7th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1A 1M3

web: <http://www.hmir-crrmd.gc.ca/>

tel: (613) 993-4331

fax: (613) 993-4686

email: hmir-crrmd@hc-sc.gc.ca

The Commission operates in conjunction with the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act and assists in the implementation of Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) requirements. It seeks to balance the rights of employers to maintain confidentiality regarding product information with the rights of workers to a safe workplace.

Environmental and Workplace Health

Health Canada, 171 Slater Street, 9th Flr, A.L. 3709D, Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

web: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/index_e.html

Offers information and advice on some of the most common environmental factors that affect human health: air, noise, soil and water pollution, climate change, environmental contaminants, occupational health and safety, pest control and radiation.

Workplace Health and Public Safety Programme

Workplace Health and Public Safety Programme - BC

515 - 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1A1

tel: (604) 666-7310

fax: (604) 666-7487

Provides OH&S services to federal government departments, with staff specially trained in occupational health. Services provided include: Workplace Hazard Assessment, Occupational Health Surveillance, Fitness-to-Work Evaluation, Employee Assistance Services, Health and Safety Promotion/Education Programs, and Advisory and Consultation Services.

Human Resources and Social Development Canada

Service Canada Library

Phase IV, 1st Floor, 140 Promenade du Portage, Gatineau, PQ K1A 0J9

web: <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/cs/fas/as/lib/library.shtml>

tel: (819) 994-2604

fax: (819) 953-5482

The Service Canada Library serves Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) and Social Development Canada (SDC). Collection includes over 200,000 books, 2831 periodicals, and 165 audio-visual materials on labour-related issues including OH&S, workers' compensation, and a special fire safety collection. Houses materials from Labour Canada's former OH&S Reference Centre and includes manuals, looseleaves, texts, legal publications, CSA standards in French and English, data sheets on hazardous materials, periodicals, and an extensive video collection. Interlibrary loans are available for videos and the general collection, but reference materials and standards cannot be borrowed.

Labour Program

125 East 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5T 1Z3

web: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/gateways/nav/top_nav/program/labour.shtml#labour

fax: (604) 666-3166

toll-free: 1-800-641-4049

The objective of the Labour Program is to promote a fair, safe, healthy, stable, cooperative and productive work environment

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

National WHMIS Office, Health Canada

web: <http://www.whmis.gc.ca>

tel: (613) 957-2342

email: WHMIS_SIMDUT@hc-sc.gc.ca

Establishes uniform national requirements to ensure that Canadian workers have information on the hazards of materials used in their workplace. Health Canada's WHMIS Division provides the national secretariat and serves as the national coordinator for the overall governance and administration of the WHMIS program in Canada. British Columbia program is administered by the Workers' Compensation Board (*see entry in this section of the guide for more information*).

Public Services Labour Relations Board

240 Sparks Street, West Tower 6th Floor, PO Box 1525, Station B, Ottawa, ON K1P 5V2

web: <http://www.pslrb-crtfp.gc.ca/>

tel: (613) 990-1800

fax: (613) 990-1849

email: mail.courrier@pslrb-crtfp.gc.ca

Library Services tel: (613) 990-1813

Library Services email: library-bibliotheque@pslrb-crtfp.gc.ca

Responsible for administering certain provisions of the *Canada Labour Code* concerning OH&S for employees in the public service.

Statistics Canada

600 - 300 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 6C7

web: <http://www.statcan.ca/start.html>

tel: (604) 666-3691

fax: (604) 666-4863

toll-free: 1-800-263-1136

email: infostats@statcan.ca

Collects all statistical information published by the government including labour force information relevant to OH&S research. Reference services are available for the public, as well as public access on-site. The Stats Can web page includes a selection of summary level data for federal, provincial, and territorial jurisdictions. Over 160 updated, downloadable tables are available along with reports, news releases, and a searchable products catalogue. The CANSIM database can be searched for a fee via the Internet.

Transport Canada

Pacific Region - General Information

620 - 800 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2J8

web: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/pacific/>

tel: (604) 666-3518

fax: (604) 666-7255

email: TCPacific@tc.gc.ca

Provides general information and referrals for questions concerning airport safety, civil and general aviation, marine safety, transport of dangerous goods, and security and emergency preparedness.

Civil Aviation

tel: (604) 666-5851

Marine Safety

tel: (604) 666-5300

Transportation Safety Board of Canada

Place du Centre, 200 Promenade du Portage, 4th Floor, Gatineau PQ K1A 1K8

web: <http://www.bst.gc.ca>

tel: (819) 994-3741

fax: (819) 997-2239

Conducts safety investigations and studies, and is responsible for the advancement of transportation safety in the marine, rail, commodity pipeline, and aviation modes of transport.

Great Vancouver, BC, Regional Office

Marine, Pipeline, Rail and Air

4-3071 Number Five Road, Richmond, British Columbia V6X 2T4

tel: (604) 666-5826

fax: (604) 666-7230

1.1.2 Provincial and Regional Agencies

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)

655 West 12th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5Z 4R4

web: <http://www.bccdc.org>

tel: (604) 660-0584

fax: (604) 660-6066

email: admininfo@bccdc.ca

An independent agency that offers advice and leadership to health practitioners, hospitals, health units, and the public to control communicable disease and reduce health risks associated with outbreaks.

British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal

1170 - 605 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5J3

web: <http://www.bchrt.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 775-2000

fax: (604) 775-2020

toll-free: 1-888-440-8844

An independent, quasi-judicial body created by the British Columbia Human Rights Code that is responsible for accepting, screening, mediating and adjudicating human rights complaints.

British Columbia Safety Authority

Suite 400 - 88 6th Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 5B3

web: <http://www.safetyauthority.ca/>

tel: (604) 660-6286

fax: (604) 660-6215

toll-free: 1-866-566-SAFE (7233)

An independent nonprofit corporation responsible for providing safe working environments within the context of the Safety Standards Act. Areas of responsibility include amusement rides, boilers and pressure vessels, electrical (including electrical equipment and systems), elevators and escalators, gas equipment and systems (natural gas and propane), railways including SkyTrain, refrigeration industry, and ski lifts and trams (gondolas).

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Mining and Minerals Division, Mine Health and Safety

7th Floor, 1675 Douglas St., Victoria, B.C., V8W 9N3

web: <http://www.em.gov.bc.ca/Subwebs/mining/Healsafe/>

tel: (250) 952-0492

fax: (250) 952-0491

Monitors the health and safety of persons employed in the mining industry in British Columbia. Enforces the Mines Act and the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC regarding OH&S. The Code is reviewed annually by a tripartite committee comprised of representatives from the ministry, labour, and industry. Branches are also responsible for inspecting mining activities for health and safety, and issuing certificates to workers to ensure both public and worker safety.

Health

British Columbia Health Authorities

Provincial Health Services Authority
700-1380 Burrard St, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2H3
web: <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/socsec/>
tel: (604) 675-7400
fax: (604) 708-2700

The Ministry of Health works together with BC's health authorities to provide quality, appropriate and timely health services to British Columbians. The ministry sets province-wide goals, standards and performance agreements for health service delivery by the health authorities: Northern Health, Interior Health, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, and Provincial Health Services Authority.

Health and Human Services Library

Main Floor, 1515 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 3C8
web: <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/library/>
tel: (250) 952-2196
fax: (250) 952-2180
email: hlth.library@gov.bc.ca

Collection of 14,000 volumes and 450 periodicals focussing on public health, mental health, family and community health, services to the disabled, medicine and nursing, as well as a small section on OH&S. Holdings include newspaper clippings, films and videos, government publications and pamphlets; films and videos are loaned primarily to the various health units. Public access on-site.

Health Protection

1515 Blanshard Street, RBB 4-2, Victoria, BC V8W 3C8
web: <http://www.healthplanning.gov.bc.ca/protect/>
tel: (250) 952-1469
fax: (250) 952-1713

Responsible for the development and implementation of legislation, policies and programs in the areas of Environmental Health Protection, Community Care Facilities, and Emergency Preparedness.

Provincial Health Officer

4th Floor, 1515 Blanshard Street, Victoria BC V8W 3C8
web: <http://www.healthplanning.gov.bc.ca/pho/>
tel: (250) 952-1330
fax: (250) 952-1362

The Provincial Health Officer is the senior medical health officer for British Columbia and:

- provides the people of British Columbia with reports and other information about the health of the population;
- speaks out on health issues and actions that can be taken to improve the health of British Columbians;
- reports on progress towards British Columbia's health goals; and
- works with the B.C. Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and the provincial medical health officers to fulfill their legislated health protection and disease control mandates

Labour and Citizens' Services

British Columbia Stats

1st Floor, 553 Superior Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1T7

web: <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca>

tel: (250) 387-0327

fax: (250) 387-0329

email: bc.stats@gov.bc.ca

The provincial government's largest concentration of statistical products, services and expertise. Collects and publishes statistical data regarding labour and employment issues, including some OH&S information. Maintains a collection of all Statistics Canada publications relevant to BC. On-site public access. *Note: See also entry for Statistics Canada Library in Vancouver in Federal Government section of the guide.*

Employment Standards Branch

2nd Floor, 880 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2B7

web: <http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/>

tel: (250) 387-3300

fax: (250) 356-1886

toll-free: 1-800-663-3316

Administers and enforces the *Employment Standards Act*, which sets minimum standards of wages and terms of employment for most workers in British Columbia. *NOTE: see entry in Federal Government section of Guide under Human Resources Development Canada.*

Labour Relations Board

Suite 600, Oceanic Plaza, 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X1

web: <http://www.lrb.bc.ca>

tel: (604) 660-1300

fax: (604) 660-1892

Responsible for maintaining peace and furthering harmonious relationships between employers and employees. Publishes statistics on all labour disputes in British Columbia.

Workers' Compensation Advisory Services

Employer' Advisers

620 - 8100 Granville Ave., Richmond, BC V6Y 3T6

web: <http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/eao/>

tel: (604) 713-0303

fax: (604) 713-0345

toll-free: 1-800-925-2233

email: eao@eao-bc.org

Assists and advises employers regarding claims, assessments, and occupational safety and health issues under the Workers' Compensation Act and Regulations. Provides educational and training seminars to employer organizations on these topics.

Employers' Advisers Regional Offices

Abbotsford

207-32555 Simon Avenue,
Abbotsford, BC V2T 4Y2
tel: (604) 870-5492
fax: (604) 870-5498
toll-free: 1-866-870-5492

Kamloops

101 - 70 2nd Ave.,
Kamloops, BC V2C 6W2
tel: (250) 828-4397
fax: (250) 828-4563
toll-free: 1-866-301-6688

Kelowna

102-1726 Dolphin Avenue,
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9R9
tel: (250) 717-2050
fax: (250) 717-2051
toll-free: 1-866-855-7575

Nanaimo

404 - 495 Dunsmuir Street,
Nanaimo, BC V9R 6B9
tel: (250) 741-5500
fax: (250) 741-5508
toll-free: 1-866-827-2277

Nelson

#503 - 310 Ward Street
Nelson, BC V1L 5S4
tel: (250) 354-6139
fax: (250) 354-6138
toll free: 1-877-877-5524

Prince George

#206, 1577 7th Avenue,
Prince George, BC V2L 3P5
tel: (250) 565-4285
fax: (250) 565-4288
toll-free: 1-888-608-8882

Victoria

Suite 400 - 3960 Quadra Street
Quadra Centre
Victoria, BC V8X 4A8
tel: (250) 952-4821
fax: (250) 952-4822
toll-free: 1-800-663-8783

Workers' Advisers

500 - 8100 Granville Ave., Richmond, BC V6Y 3T6
web: <http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/wab/>
tel: (604) 713-0360
fax: (604) 713-0311
toll-free: 1-800-663-4621

Assists and advises injured workers and their dependents about the benefits and policies of the Workers' Compensation Board. Provides educational and training seminars to unions, associations, and other interested groups.

Workers' Advisers Regional Offices

Abbotsford

32555 Simon Ave., Unit 204,
Abbotsford, BC V2T 4Y2
tel: (604) 870-5488
fax: (604) 870-5494
toll-free: 1-888-295-7781

Campbell River

205 - 1040 Shoppers Row,
Campbell River, BC V9W 2C6
tel: (250) 830-6526
fax: (250) 830-6528
toll-free: 1-888-643-0013

Kamloops

102 - 70 2nd Ave.,
Kamloops, BC V2C 6W2
tel: (250) 371-3860
fax: (250) 371-3820
toll-free: 1-800-663-6695

Kelowna

101 - 1726 Dolphin Ave.,
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9R9
tel: (250) 717-2096
fax: (250) 717-2010
toll-free: 1-866-881-1188

Nanaimo

504 - 495 Dunsmuir Street,
Nanaimo, BC V9R 6B9
tel: (250) 741-5504
fax: (250) 741-5516
toll-free: 1-800-668-2117

Prince George Region

208 - 1577 7th Ave.,
Prince George, BC V2L 3P5
tel: (250) 565-4280
fax: (250) 565-4283
toll-free: 1-800-263-6066

Nelson

310 Ward Street,
Nelson, BC V1L 5S4
tel: (250) 354-6933
fax: (250) 354-6944
toll-free: 1-866-354-6933

Victoria

403 - 3960 Quadra Street,
Victoria, BC V8X 4A3
tel: (250) 952-4393
fax: (250) 952-4399
toll-free: 1-800-661-4066

Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia (WorkSafeBC)

6951 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC V7C 1C6
web: <http://www.worksafebc.com>

Responsible for administering the Workers' Compensation Act. Primary functions include prevention of industrial injury and disease, payment of compensation benefits to injured workers or their dependents, and rehabilitation services. Inspects workplaces and enforces industrial health and safety, WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System), and related regulations within the province of BC.

WorkSafeBC Library

tel: (604) 231-8450
fax: (604) 279-7608
email: Library@worksafebc.com

Extensive collection of approximately 20,000 volumes and 900 periodicals specializing in OH&S and workers' compensation. Materials include government publications, pamphlets, audio and video cassettes, and computer databases. Public access on-site and wheelchair accessible. Interlibrary loans available. Collection of OH&S videos available for loan to BC residents. WorkSafeBC publications, videos and posters available for sale through **WorkSafeBCStore** (<http://www.worksafebcstore.com>).

Workplace Safety and Health

Prevention Information Line

tel: (604) 276-3100
fax: (604) 276-3247
toll-free: 1-888-621-SAFE (7233)

Use these phone numbers for Health and Safety Emergency and Accident reporting.

After-hours: 1-886-WCB-HELP (922-4357)

Provides advice and answers questions concerning industrial safety, occupational hygiene, health and safety regulations, worker and employer responsibilities, reporting accidents or incidents, and other OH&S issues.

Regional Prevention Offices

Abbotsford

2774 Trethewey Street,
Abbotsford, BC V2T 3R1
tel: (604) 556-2060
toll-free: 1-800-292-2219
fax: (604) 556-2077

Courtenay

801 30th Street,
Courtenay, BC V9N 8G6
tel: (250) 334-8745
toll-free: 1-800-663-7921
fax: (250) 334-8757

Kamloops

321 Battle Street,
Kamloops, BC V2C 6P1
tel: (250) 371-6003
toll-free: 1-800-663-3935
fax: (250) 371-6031

Kelowna

110 - 2045 Enterprise Way,
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9T5
tel: (250) 717-4313
toll-free: 1-888-922-4466
fax: (250) 717-4380

Nanaimo

4980 Wills Road,
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6C6
tel: (250) 751-8040
toll-free: 1-800-663-7382
fax: (250) 751-8046

Nelson

524 Kootenay Street,
Nelson, BC V1L 6B4
tel: (250) 352-2824
toll-free: 1-800-663-4962
fax: (250) 352-1816

Prince George

1066 Vancouver Street,
Prince George, BC V2L 5M4
tel: (250) 561-3700
toll-free: 1-800-663-6623
fax: (250) 561-3710

Terrace

4450 Lakelse Avenue,
Terrace, BC V8G 1P2
tel: (250) 615-6605
toll-free: 1-800-663-3871
fax: (250) 615-6633

Victoria

4514 Chatterton Way,
Victoria, BC V8X 5H2
tel: (250) 881-3418
toll-free: 1-800-663-7593
fax: (250) 881-3482

Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal

150 - 4600 Jacombs Road, Richmond, BC V6V 3B1
web: <http://www.wcat.bc.ca/>
tel: (604) 664-7800
fax: (604) 664-7898
toll-free: 1-800-663-2782

An appeal agency independent of the Workers' Compensation Board. Appeals can be made to the WCAT by workers, employers, or workers' dependents.

Provincial Emergency Program (PEP)

455 Boleskine Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 1E7
web: <http://www.pep.bc.ca>
tel: (250) 952-4913
fax: (250) 952-4888

**To report an emergency:
1-800-663-3456**

The function of the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) is to maintain effective awareness, preparedness, response and recovery programs to reduce the human and financial costs of actual or imminent emergencies and disasters.

Regional Fire Departments

web: <http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=bc>
(Also consult telephone books under City, Municipal, Regional, or District governments for address and phone number of local fire departments.)

Most local fire departments will provide lectures on fire safety, planning home or workplace emergency escape routes, etc. Fire officers may also be able to provide fire safety advice over the phone and may have informational pamphlets available for distribution.

1.2 Libraries and Archives

Most communities in British Columbia are served by municipal or regional public libraries that contain varying amounts of OH&S material. Libraries also exchange resources through the mechanism of "interlibrary loans". Archives contain valuable historical records which often contain information on health and labour issues. Only major centres are represented in this Guide, but comprehensive listings may be found in the following references. Local libraries may also be identified in district and municipal telephone directories.

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<http://aabc.bc.ca/aabc/bcguide.html> (accessed March 2008)

BC Ministry of Education. Public Library Services.

<http://www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/public/contacts.php> (accessed March 2008)

British Columbia Archives

655 Belleville Street, Victoria, BC V8W 9W2

web: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/>

tel: (250) 387-1952

fax: (250) 387-2072

British Columbia Courthouse Library Society

800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2E1

web: <http://www.bccls.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 660-2841

fax: (604) 660-2821

email: bccls@bccls.bc.ca

Burnaby Public Library

6100 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N5

web: <http://www.bpl.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 436-5427

Cariboo Chilcotin Archives, Williams Lake Public Library

110 Oliver Street, Williams Lake, BC V2G 1L8

tel: (250) 392-5000

Cariboo Regional District Library

180 - 3rd Ave. N., Suite D, Williams Lake, BC V2G 2A4

web: <http://www.cln.bc.ca/>

tel: (250) 392-3351

Chilliwack Archives

9291 Corbould Street, Chilliwack, BC V2P 4A6

web: <http://www.chilliwack.museum.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 795-9255

fax: (604) 795-5291

Coquitlam Public Library

575 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, BC V3J 6A9

web: <http://www.library.coquitlam.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 937-4144

fax: (604) 937-4145

Fraser Valley Regional Library

34589 Delair Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1

web: <http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/>

tel: (888) 668-4141

fax: (604) 852-5701

Greater Victoria Public Library

735 Broughton Street, Victoria, BC V8W 3H2

web: <http://www.gvpl.ca/>

tel: (250) 382-7241

fax: (250) 382-7125

Nanaimo Community Archives

150 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5G6

web: <http://www.nanaimoarchives.ca/>

tel: (250) 753-4462

Nelson Municipal Library

602 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC V1L 1N4

web: <http://www.library.nelsonbc.net/>

tel: (250) 352-6333

fax: (250) 354-1799

New Westminster Public Library

716 - 6th Avenue, New Westminster, BC V3M 2B3

web: <http://www.nwpl.ca/>

tel: (604) 527-4660

fax: (604) 527-4674

North Vancouver District Public Library

1277 Lynne Valley Rd, North Vancouver, BC V7J 2A1

web: <http://www.nvdpl.ca/>

tel: (604) 984-0286

fax: (604) 990-5822

Okanagan Regional Library

1430 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 3P6

web: <http://www.orl.bc.ca/>

tel: (250) 860-4033

fax: (250) 861-8696

Prince George Public Library

887 Dominion Street, Prince George, BC V2L 5L1

web: <http://www.lib.pg.bc.ca>

tel: (250) 563-1338

fax: (250) 563-0892

Prince Rupert City and Regional Archives

101 1st Avenue East, PO Box 1093, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 4H6

web:

<http://www.princerupertlibrary.ca/archives/>

tel: (250) 624-3326

fax: (250) 624-3706

Richmond Public Library

100 - 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC V6Y 1R8

web: <http://www.yourlibrary.ca/>

tel: (604) 231-6413

Simon Fraser University Archives

Archives & Records Management Department,
Maggie Benston Student Services Building
0400, 8888 University Drive, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

web: <http://www.sfu.ca/archives/>

tel: (604) 291-3261

Surrey Public Library

13742 - 72 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3W 2P4

web: <http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 598-7300

Thompson-Nicola Regional District Library System

300 - 465 Victoria Street, Kamloops, BC V2C 2A9

web: <http://www.tnrplib.bc.ca/>

tel: (250) 374-8866

University of BC Archives

Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z1

web: <http://www.library.ubc.ca/archives/>

tel: (604) 822-5877

fax: (604) 822-3242

Vancouver City Archives

1150 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, BC V6J 3J9

web:

<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/ctyclerk/archives/index.htm>

tel: (604) 736-8561

fax: (604) 736-0626

Vancouver Public Library

350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 6B1

web: <http://www.vpl.ca/>

tel: (604) 331-3603

Vancouver Island Regional Library

6250 Hammond Bay Road, PO Box 3333, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N3

web: <http://www.virl.bc.ca>

tel: (250) 758-4697

fax: (250) 758-2482

Victoria City Archives & Records Division

#8 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

web:

<http://www.city.victoria.bc.ca/archives/archives.shtml>

tel: (250) 361-0375

fax: (250) 361-0394

West Vancouver Memorial Library

1950 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC V7V 1J8

web: <http://www.westvanlib.ca/>

tel: (604) 925-7400

fax: (604) 925-5933

West Vancouver Museum & Archives

680 – 17th Street, West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T2

web: <http://wvma.net/archives/index.html>

tel: (604) 925-7298

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1.3 Educational and Research Centres

1.3.1 WCB WorkSafe Education Network

The Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia has an active education program in occupational health and safety. For example, a Student WorkSafe program comprised of three modules covering hazard recognition, responsibilities for safety, and safe work practices is available in public schools throughout the province. For more details, contact WCB Prevention at 1-888-621-SAFE (7233) or http://www.worksafebc.com/news_room/courses/default.asp.

Many courses developed by the Board are available to employers and workers through the WorkSafe Education Network (see web link above for details). Currently there are six WorkSafe education courses designed especially for workers and employers. Each of the six one-day WorkSafe courses enables employers and workers to achieve different objectives. The courses include:

Hazard Recognition and Control

Explains legal responsibilities of employers, workers, supervisors, and others. Teaches participants to identify workplace hazards, locate pertinent regulatory requirements, develop safe work procedures and corrective measures to control hazards, and apply the process of identification, control and evaluation to eliminate hazards or reduce risks specific to their industry.

Responsibilities of Joint Health and Safety Committees

Teaches the requirements for joint committees and worker health and safety representatives and their responsibilities and entitlement. Establishes a foundation to develop skills in promoting workplace health and safety, applying the process of safety inspections and accident investigations, conducting and participating in constructive committee meetings, and working cooperatively to address workers' health and safety concerns.

Occupational Safety and Health in Small Business

Covers regulatory requirements relevant to responsibilities of employers, supervisors, workers and others, identifies the elements of an OH&S program and key factors in the practice of due diligence, introduces strategies to manage claims and control costs, and discusses the roles and functions of WCB officers to achieve compliance with regulatory requirements and workplace health and safety.

Preventing and Investigating Musculoskeletal Injury (MSI)

Enables learners to review job tasks and identify potential risk factors which might cause musculoskeletal injuries (MSIs), determine causes and contributing factors during investigations of MSIs, use a checklist to identify ergonomic risks associated with MSIs, determine ways to control ergonomic risk factors, and explain the key components of the ergonomics (MSI) requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

Preventing Workplace Violence

Teaches participants the regulatory requirements concerning workplace violence, as well as instruction in violence risk assessment, establishing violence prevention measures and procedures, and developing a workplace violence prevention program.

Supervisor Safety Management

Explains the meaning of due diligence and the concept of due diligence as a defense; identifies key factors in the practice of due diligence and the potential legal consequences of failing to exercise due diligence. Instructs students how to conduct risk assessments, safety inspections, and accident investigations as required and how to plan risk control objectives and measures.

1.3.2 Colleges and Technical Institutes

British Columbia colleges and other institutions offering the WCB WorkSafe educational courses are identified in this section. For enquiries about these courses, please contact the educational institution directly at the telephone numbers given below, call WCB Prevention at 1-888-621-SAFE (7233), or see http://www.worksafebc.com/news_room/courses/assets/pdf/partners.pdf for more information. Where known, other OH&S courses offered by the college or institute are also noted.

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5G 3H2

web: <http://www.bcit.ca/>

BCIT offers a two-year Occupational Health and Safety diploma program in the School of Health Sciences. A distance education advanced specialty certificate in Occupational Health Nursing is also offered to Registered Nurses.

BCIT Library

web: <http://www.lib.bcit.ca/>

tel: (604) 432-8371

Camosun College

web: <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/>

Victoria campus tel: (250) 370-4221

4461 Interurban Road., Victoria, BC V9E 2C1

College of New Caledonia

web: <http://www.cnc.bc.ca/>

MacKenzie campus tel: (250) 997-7200

Evergreen Mall, Box 2110, MacKenzie, BC V0J 2C0

Prince George campus tel: (250) 561-5846

3330-22nd Ave., Prince George, BC V2N 1P8

College of the Rockies

web: <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/>
Cranbrook campus tel: (250) 489-2751
2700 College Way, Box 8500, Cranbrook, BC V1C 5L7

Kwantlen University College

web: <http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/>
Richmond/Surrey/Delta/Langley campus tel: (604) 599-3110
12666-72nd Ave., Surrey, BC V3W 2M8

Malaspina University College

web: <http://www.mala.bc.ca/>
Duncan campus tel: (250) 746-3523
222 Cowichan Way, Duncan, BC V9L 6P4
Nanaimo campus tel: (250) 740-6322
900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo, BC V9G 1E1

North Island College

web: <http://www.northislandcollege.ca/>
Campbell River campus tel: (250) 923-9721
1685 S. Dogwood Street., Campbell River, BC V9W 8C1

Northern Lights College

web: <http://www.nlc.bc.ca/>
Fort St John campus tel: (250) 787-6205
9820-120th Ave., PO Box 1000, Fort St. John, BC V1J 6K1
Dawson Creek campus tel: (250) 782-5251
1037 119th Ave., Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3J1

Northwest Community College

web: <http://www.nwcc.bc.ca/>
Prince Rupert campus tel: (250) 624-6054
130 First Ave. West, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1A8
Terrace campus tel: (250) 638-5473
5331 McConnell Ave., Terrace, BC V8G 4X2

Okanagan College

web: <http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/>
Kelowna campus tel: (250) 762-5445
1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC V1Y 4X8
Penticton campus tel: (250) 492-4305
583 Duncan Ave. West, Penticton, BC V2A 8E1
Revelstoke campus tel: (250) 837-4235
PO Bag 4500, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0
Salmon Arm campus tel: (250) 804-8888
PO Box 189, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N3

Selkirk College

web: <http://www.selkirk.bc.ca/>
Castlegar campus tel: (250) 365-1261
301 Frank Beinder Way, Castlegar, BC V1N 3J1

Thompson Rivers University (Kamloops)

web: <http://tru.ca/>

Kamloops campus tel: (250) 828-5213

900 McGill Rd., PO Box 3010, Kamloops, BC V2C 5N3

Vancouver Community College

web: <http://www.vcc.bc.ca/>

City Centre campus tel: (604) 443-8674

250 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1S9

1.3.3 Universities

Simon Fraser University (SFU)

8888 University Drive, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

web: <http://www.sfu.ca/>

Offers undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary programs in School of Kinesiology specializing in human factors and ergonomics, among other related areas of concentration.

W.A.C. Bennett Library

8888 University Drive, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6

web: <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/>

tel: (604) 291-5735 (*Reference*)

University of British Columbia (UBC)

2329 West Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4

web: <http://www.ubc.ca/>

School of Environmental Health

3rd Floor - 2206 East Mall, UBC, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

web: <http://www.soeh.ubc.ca/>

tel: (604) 822-9595

fax: (604) 822-9588

The School's primary objective is to prepare professionals and researchers with the expertise to evaluate risks from physical, chemical and biological exposures and with the skills and sensitivities to effect changes that will protect human health and well-being. SOEH's teaching includes an MSc Program, with project and thesis options, and a PhD program.

University Libraries:

web: <http://www.library.ubc.ca/>

Biomedical Branch Library

Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre,

2775 Laurel Street, Floor 2, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1M9

tel: (604) 875-4505

fax: (604) 875-4689

Eric Hamber Library

Children's and Women's Health Centre of BC,

4480 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4

tel: (604) 875-2154

fax: (604) 875-2195

Humanities and Social Sciences Library

Walter C. Koerner Library
1958 Main Mall, UBC, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2
tel: (604) 822-2725
fax: (604) 822-9122

Includes government publications, as well as monographs and periodicals in the social sciences and humanities.

Law Library

Curtis Building, 1822 East Mall, UBC, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
tel: (604) 822-9379
fax: (604) 822-6864

Includes US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations as part of the US Federal Register, in addition to other material on the legal aspects of OH&S.

Science and Engineering Library

Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
1961 East Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
tel: (604) 822-3295
fax: (604) 822-5366

Collection covers chemistry, engineering, and physical sciences. Information available on such topics as developing and enforcing standards, fate and distribution of hazardous materials, chemical coding schemes, development of job exposure matrices, pharmacokinetic models, engineering services and evaluation, and related subjects.

St. Paul's Hospital Health Sciences Library

St. Paul's Hospital Providence Building, Level 1
1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y6
tel: (604) 806-8425
fax: (604) 806-8013

Woodward Biomedical Library

Woodward IRC, 2198 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3
tel: (604) 822-4440
fax: (604) 822-5596

Extensive research library serving students and practitioners in occupational medicine, epidemiology, biostatistics, toxicology, and occupational hygiene, among others. Special collections include orthopaedic, physical, rehabilitation, and occupational medicine.

University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)

3333 University Way, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9
web: <http://www.unbc.ca/>

UNBC offers a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in Community and Population Health - Environmental Health and a Masters degree in Disability Management.

UNBC Library

web: <http://lib.unbc.ca/>
tel: (250) 960-6475 (*Reference*)

University of Victoria

PO Box 1700, STN CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2
3800 Finnerty Road, Victoria, BC V8P 5C2
web: <http://www.uvic.ca/>
tel: (250) 721-7211
fax: (250) 721-7212

Offers a Certificate Program in Environmental and Occupational Health from the Division of Continuing Studies which focuses on the health needs of employees and the impact of the workplace on the environment.

McPherson Library

PO Box 1800, STN CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 3H5
web: <http://gateway.uvic.ca/>
tel: (250) 721-8274
fax: (250) 721-8215

Diana M. Priestly Law Library

PO Box 2300, STN CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 3B1
tel: (250) 721-8565
fax: (250) 472-4174

1.3.4 Research, Training, & Information Centres

BCIT School of Transportation, Marine Campus

265 West Esplanade Street, North Vancouver, BC V7M 1A5
web: <http://www.bcit.ca/transportation/marine/>
tel: 604-453-4111
fax: 604-985-2862

The British Columbia Institute of Technology Marine campus offers a wide variety of courses and programs in navigation, marine engineering, seamanship, maritime, and maritime security.

British Columbia Cancer Agency

600 West 10th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5Z 4E6
web: <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/>
tel: (604) 877-6000
toll-free: 1-800-633-3333

A coordinated provincial cancer control program including prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, research, education, and community programs.

BC Cancer Agency Library

Web: <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/PPI/Library/default.htm>
tel: (604) 675-8001

Serves cancer patients, family, health professionals, and the public who need information and resources relating to all aspects of cancer. Hours: 9-5, M-F.

Drug and Poison Information Centre

Saint Paul's Hospital
1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y6
web: <http://www.bccdc.org/division.php?item=10>
tel: 604-682-2344 ext. 62126
fax: (604) 806-8262
email: info@dpic.bc.ca

Provides drug information, poison control services, coordination of poison antidotes, adverse drug reaction reporting, education, poisoning incidence statistics, research and publications.

Institute for Work and Health

481 University Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, ON M5G 2E9

web: <http://www.iwh.on.ca/>

tel: (416) 927-2027

fax: (416) 927-4167

email: info@iwh.on.ca

Devoted to the study of work-related injuries and disabilities, the Institute offers a wide selection of research publications for free or at nominal charges.

National Institute of Disability Management and Research

830 Shamrock Street, Suite 202, Victoria, BC V8X 2V1

web: <http://www.nidmar.ca/>

tel: (250) 386-4388

fax: (250) 386-4398

email: nidmar@nidmar.ca

A labour/management initiative established by the Disabled Workers Foundation of Canada to help employers and unions implement disability management programs. Offers a variety of training programs, materials such as videos and how-to manuals, outreach support, and research information.

1.4 Associations and Unions

Alberta Construction Safety Association

#101 - 13025 Saint Albert Trail, Edmonton AB T5L 5G2

web: <http://www.acsa-safety.org/>

tel: (780) 453-3311

fax: (780) 455-1120

email: edmonton@acsa-safety.org

The Alberta Construction Safety Association is a non-profit organization funded and directed by industry. The mission of the Alberta Construction Safety Association is to provide 'quality advice' to the construction employers and employees that will lead to reduced human suffering and financial costs associated with incidents in the construction industry. Safe work practice documents available on website.

American Industrial Hygiene Association (BC-Yukon Section)

web: <http://www.aihabc.org/>

email: aihabc@aihabc.org

Non-profit organization providing educational and information services in the field of occupational hygiene.

Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada

6551 B Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 1A6

web: <http://www.awcbc.org/>

tel: (905) 542-3633

fax: (905) 542-0039

email: contact@awcbc.org

Encourages uniformity in legislation, regulations and administrative practices, considers ways of improving rehabilitation and retraining of disabled workers, and promotes accident and disease prevention. The AWCBC provides information and advisory services to member organizations, such as the provincial workers' compensation boards and commissions, and other interested parties. Publishes annual work injury statistics.

BC Association for Crane Safety (BCACS)

PO Box 234 - 720 Sixth Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 3C5

web: <http://www.bcacs.ca/>

tel: (604) 525-1227

fax: (604) 525-1261

email: info@bcacs.ca

BCACS was established in November 2005 to promote the development of an industry-driven crane operator qualification system in British Columbia.

British Columbia Construction Association

210 - 174 Wilson Street, Victoria, BC V9A 7N6

web: <http://www.bccassn.com/>

tel: 250-475-1077

fax: 250-475-1078

email: bcca@bccassn.com

The BC Construction Association represents approximately 2,000 companies in an industry that employs 140,000 British Columbians. The website provides access to reports, publications, standard documents, and other industry information.

British Columbia Federation of Labour (CLC)

200 - 5118 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1

web: <http://www.bcfed.com/>

tel: (604) 430-1421

fax: (604) 430-5917

email: bcfed@bcfed.ca

Central labour organization for members of more than 1,100 local unions in BC. Affiliated with the national organization, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC).

British Columbia Safety Council (BCSC)

Unit #2225, 21331 Gordon Way, Richmond, BC V6W 1J9

web: <http://www.safetycouncil.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 214-7433

fax: (604) 214-7434

Non-profit organization formed in 1945 to act as a safety resource for industry and the general public. Offers comprehensive occupational safety and health, traffic, and community safety courses throughout the province. Publishes manuals to accompany its courses and a quarterly newsletter, *Safety First*. Affiliated with the Canada Safety Council and the National Safety Council (US).

British Columbia Society of Occupational Therapists

402 - 1755 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6J 4S5

web: <http://www.bcsot.org/>

tel: (604) 736-5645

fax: (604) 736-5606

email: info@bcsot.org

Professional association serving occupational therapists who practice in British Columbia.

Canada Safety Council

1020 Thomas Spratt Place, Ottawa, ON K1G 5L5

web: <http://www.safety-council.org/>

tel: (613) 739-1535

fax: (613) 739-1566

email: canadasafetycouncil@safety-council.org

Offers improvement programs, campaigns, and information on workplace, traffic, home, and recreational safety to Canadians. Publishes manuals to accompany its courses, as well as two quarterly newsletters, *Living Safety* and *Safety Canada*.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA)

5A - 1325 Markham Road, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6

web: <http://www.casa-acsa.ca/>

tel: (204) 452-2272

fax: (204) 261-5004

email: info@casa-acsa.ca

CASA was established in 1993 in response to an identified need for a national farm safety networking and coordinating agency to address problems of illness, injuries and accidental death in farmers, their families and agricultural workers. Since then, its mission has been to improve the health and safety conditions of those that live, and or, work on Canadian farms.

Canadian Auto Workers (CAW)

Regional office: 326 - 12th Street, New Westminster, BC V3M 4H6

web: <http://www.caw.ca/>

tel: (604) 522-7911

fax: (604) 522-8975

toll-free: 1-800-665-3553

email: cawbc1@caw.ca

Provides advice and training to CAW members in OH&S matters. Some involvement in regulation development through various advisory committees.

Canadian Cancer Society

BC and Yukon Division: 565 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 4J4

web: <http://www.bc.cancer.ca/>

tel: (604) 872-4400

fax: (604) 872-4405

toll-free: 1-800-663-2524

email: inquiries@bc.cancer.ca

A national community based organization of volunteers devoted to the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of quality of life for people living with cancer.

Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture (CCHSA)

University of Saskatchewan, 103 Hospital Drive, Box 120 R.U.H, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7N 0W8

web: <http://www.cchsa-ccssma.usask.ca/index.php>

tel: (306) 966-8286

fax: (306) 966-8799

email: canadian.centre@usask.ca

The Canadian Centre addresses public health issues related to the agricultural rural ecosystem and bridges the gaps that occur between the spectra of basic research, applied research, the community and policy.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Pacific and Northern Region

Suite 320, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1A1

web: <http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/>

tel: (604) 666-2431

fax: (604) 666-6990

email: ceaa.pacific@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Serves as a source of information and advice on the federal environmental assessment process and responds to requests from the public for general information on environmental assessment procedures and specific information on the assessment of particular projects.

Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)

2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, ON K1V 8X7

web: <http://canadianlabour.ca/>

tel: (613) 521-3400

fax: (613) 521-4655

email: Communications@clc-ctc.ca

Seeks to advance economic and social welfare of workers. Coordinates labour movement activities in the areas of workplace health & safety, environmental protection and workers' compensation.

Pacific Region:

201 - 5118 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1

web: <http://pacific.clc-ctc.ca/>

tel: (604) 430-6766

fax: (604) 430-6762

email: pacific@clc-ctc.ca

Canadian Occupational Health Nurses Association

web: <http://www.cohna-aciist.ca/>

email: info@cohna-aciist.ca

Strives to promote national standards for occupational health nursing practices and to improve the occupational health and safety of workers by influencing health and safety regulations and legislation.

Canadian Petroleum Safety Council (EnForm)

1538 - 25 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T2E 8Y3

web: <http://www.enform.ca/>

tel: (403) 250-9606

fax: (403) 250-1289

Now known as EnForm, the Petroleum Industry Safety Service has merged with the Canadian Petroleum Safety Council. The Council membership consists of representatives from eight Canadian Petroleum industry associations, ten government departments and six Workers' Compensation Boards in western Canada. An important part of the Council's mission is to coordinate an organized approach to achieve continuous improvement in health and safety for everyone involved in or affected by the Petroleum Industry. Web site includes safety alerts, safe work practices, safety news and links to related sites.

Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE)

39 River Street, Toronto, ON M5A 3P1

web: <http://www.csse.org/>

tel: (416) 646-1600

fax: (416) 646-9460

Promotes loss prevention and conservation of people, equipment, material, and the environment, and encourages the pursuit of excellence in the health and safety profession. There are six regional chapters in British Columbia: Pacific Rim, Lower Mainland, Elk Valley, Thompson-Okanagan, North Central Interior, and Skeena. Current contact information is found on the national website.

Canadian Standards Association (CSA)

5060 Spectrum Way, Mississauga, ON L4W 5N6

web: <http://www.csa.ca/>

tel: (416) 747-4000

fax: (416) 747-2473

toll-free: 1-800-463-6727

email: sales@csa.ca

Safety standards agency for Canada, the UK, and the US. Standards and research documents may be ordered through CSA. Publishes quarterly newsletter, *Focus*.

Vancouver:

13799 Commerce Parkway, Richmond, BC V6V 2N9

tel: (604) 273-4581

fax: (604) 244-6508

toll-free: 1-800-463-6727

College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC)

2855 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC V6J 3Y8

web: <http://www.crnbc.ca/>

tel: (604) 736-7331 or 1-800-565-6505

fax: (604) 738-2272

Helen Randall Library & CRNBC Publications

web: <http://www.crnbc.ca/LibraryCRNBCPublications.aspx>

Contains over 3000 books, 150 serials, and 400 audiovisual materials on the topic of nursing, some of which cover occupational health and safety nursing. Interlibrary loans available, but no on-site public access. The CRNBC Publications Catalogue offers a variety of documents published by CRNBC. Most of these documents can be downloaded.

Construction Safety Association of British Columbia (CSABC)

203 - 5489 Byrne Road, Burnaby BC V5J 3J1

web: <http://www.csabc.ca/>

tel: (604) 434-3222

fax: (604) 434-3203

email: info@csabc.ca

The Construction Safety Association of British Columbia (CSABC) is the construction industry's premiere safety organization. It is a non-profit organization owned and operated by the construction industry of British Columbia.

Construction Safety Association of Ontario

21 Voyager Court South, Etobicoke, ON M9W 5M7

web: <http://www.csao.org/>

tel: (416) 674-2726

fax: (416) 674-8866

toll-free: 1-800-781-2726

The Construction Safety Association of Ontario (CSAO) is mandated to eliminate injury, illness, and death in Ontario construction. CSAO publishes a wide variety of material on construction health and safety, ranging from reference guides and training videos to safety posters and decals. The topics covered are just as varied - everything from power tools to legislation, dealing with all of Ontario's construction trades. Visitors can download most products at no charge from the website.

Construction Safety Network

Suite 225 - 8678 Greenall Avenue, Burnaby, British Columbia V5J 3M6

web: <http://www.safetynetwork.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 436-0232

fax: (604) 436-0623

toll-free: 1-866-860-0232

email: info@safetynetwork.bc.ca

The Construction Safety Network is a not-for-profit society that helps BC's construction industry reduce the number and severity of work place injuries and illnesses.

Council of Construction Associations (COCA)

British Columbia Construction Associations, 210-174 Wilson Street, Victoria BC V8T 3X8

web: <http://www.bccassn.com/coca/>

tel: (250) 475-1077

fax: (250) 475-1078

email: bcca@bccassn.com

Offers course for Occupational Health and Safety Committees for the construction industry, and represents BC construction associations in workers compensation and occupational health and safety matters.

Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Agency (FARSHA)

#311, 9440 - 202 Street, Langley, BC V1M 4A6

web: <http://www.farsha.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 881-6078

fax: (604) 881-6079

toll-free: 1-877-533-1789

email: farmsafe@farsha.bc.ca

Mandate to educate and train farmers and ranchers throughout the province on workplace safety. Resource centre has approximately 80 videos and a number of publications and brochures on farm and ranch safety. Provides information such as OH&S regulations in agriculture, occupational first aid regulations, WHMIS requirements, list of reference library materials, agricultural safety checklist, agricultural equipment safety booklet, list of certified first aid trainers and list of trainers for pesticide applicators certificate. Videos are available for loan and brochures for distribution.

Forest Safety Council (British Columbia)

200 - 1055 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9

web: <http://www.bcforestsafe.org/>

tel: (604) 632-0211

fax: (604) 696-3969

toll-free: 1-888-632-0211

email: info@bcforestsafe.org

The BC Forest Safety Council was founded in the fall of 2004 as a direct result of the work and recommendations of the Forest Safety Task Force. Enacting the recommendations of the Forest Safety Task Force is the Council's chief responsibility.

Hospital Employees' Union (HEU)

5000 North Fraser Way, Burnaby, BC V5J 5M3

web: <http://www.heu.org/>

tel: (604) 438-5000

fax: (604) 739-1510

toll-free: 1-800-663-5813

email: heu@heu.org

Small library includes some OH&S information pertaining to workers in the health care sector, particularly non-professionals. Serves staff and union members.

Industrial Accident Prevention Association (IAPA)

The Centre for Health & Safety Innovation

5110 Creebank Road, Suite 300, Mississauga, ON L4W 0A1

web: <http://www.iapa.ca/>

tel: 905-614-IAPA (4272)

fax: 905-614-1414

toll-free: 1-800-406-IAPA (4272)

Library collection of approximately 7,000 books, 400 periodicals, and 125 audio-visual materials. General collection covers OH&S, safety engineering, industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, and safety training. Special collections include archived materials of the Association, vertical file of pamphlets, and CSA standards. Interlibrary loans available. Numerous audiovisual, print, and computer software resources available for sale.

Legal Services Society

Vancouver Regional Centre, 400-510 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3A8

web: <http://www.lss.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 601-6000

fax: (604) 681-2719

Provides legal aid for people in British Columbia who cannot afford a lawyer. Supplies legal information through publications, LawLine and websites.

Medical Library Service, College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC

400 - 858 Beatty Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1C1

web: https://www.cpsbc.ca/cps/college_library

tel: (604) 733-6671

fax: (604) 737-8582

Over 11,000 volumes and 640 periodicals in health science fields, including some OH&S information. Primary clients are physicians licensed to practice in BC. Public access on-site.

Manufacturer's Health and Safety Association

Suite 202, 10532 - 178 Street, Edmonton, AB T5S 2J1

web: <http://www.mhsa.ab.ca/>

tel: (780) 428-1006

fax: (780) 487-4529

The Manufacturers' Health & Safety Association is a non-profit organization funded and directed by the manufacturing industry. The Association is based out of offices in Edmonton and Calgary and serves the manufacturing industry in Alberta. It's mission is to achieve work site wellness and eliminate occupational injuries and illness in the manufacturing industry through education, training, advocacy and partnership. Offers a number of topical safety alerts for the manufacturing industry.

Municipal Health and Safety Association of Ontario (MHSAO)

201-420 Britannia Road East, Mississauga, ON L4Z 3L5

web: <http://www.mhsao.com/>

tel: (905) 890-2040

fax: (905) 890-8010

email: info@mhsao.com

Provides services, programs, publications and videos which promote wellness and help prevent injuries and illnesses in the workplace.

Occupational and Environmental Medical Association of Canada

344 Lakeshore Road East, Suite B, Oakville, ON L6J 1J6

web: <http://www.oemac.org/>

fax: (905) 849-8606

email: oemac@oemac.org

Encourages high standards and provides a forum for exchange of views in occupational medicine; promotes advancement of knowledge and develops effective interaction with health professionals and others. Provides links to occupational and environmental health resources online.

Occupational Health & Safety Agency for Health Care in BC

301-1195 West Broadway Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3X5

web: <http://www.ohsah.bc.ca/>

tel: (778) 328-8000

fax: (778) 328-8001

email: info@ohsah.bc.ca

Created in 1998, the agency's mandate is to reduce workplace injuries and illness in health care workers and get injured workers back on the job quickly and safely.

Ontario Farm Safety Association

101-75 Farquhar Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 3N4

web: <http://www.fsai.on.ca/>

tel: (519) 823-5600

toll-free: 1-800-361-8855

email: info@farmsafety.ca

The mission of the Ontario Farm Safety Association is to promote safe, healthy workplaces and lifestyles for the agricultural, horticultural and landscaping industries in Ontario. goal of the Association is to provide information, products and services as a resource to member firms and to promote industry self-reliance and internal responsibility toward the goal of eliminating workplace injuries and illnesses.

Ontario Forestry Safe Workplace Association (OFSWA)

690 McKeown Ave, PO Box 2050, North Bay, ON P1B 9P1

web: <http://www.ofswa.on.ca/>

tel: (705) 474-SAFE (7233)

fax: (705) 474-4530

Provides assistance to ensure that health and safety initiatives are met through workplace self-reliance. OFSWA produces its own safety videos for the forestry industry and provides a catalogue of their own publications, as well as publications from other organizations.

Radiation Safety Institute of Canada

1120 Finch Avenue West, Suite 607, Toronto, ON M3J 3H7

web: <http://www.radiationsafety.ca/>

tel: (416) 650-9090

fax: (416) 650-9920

toll-free: 1-800-263-5803

Society dedicated to improving radiation safety in the environment, workplace, and the home. Library collection of over 70 books, a clipping file, and numerous reports with specific emphasis on radiation and radiation safety. Reports and publications available for sale or free.

Safety Advisory Foundation for Education & Research (SAFER)

#300 3920 Norland Ave. Burnaby BC, V5G 4K7

web: <http://www.safer.ca/>

tel: (604) 683-1117

fax: (604) 688-6416

SAFER Council's mission is to assist workers and employers in the B.C. Forest Industry to improve accident prevention and create a healthy environment, on and off the job.

Safety & Health in Arts Production & Entertainment (SHAPE)

Suite 280-1385 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 3V9

web: <http://www.shape.bc.ca/>

tel: (604) 733-4682 or 1-888-229-1455

fax: (604) 733-4692

email: info@shape.bc.ca

SHAPE was established in 1998 as the safety and health association for the performing arts and motion picture industry in British Columbia at the request of industry representatives and the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia in recognition of the unique nature of the entertainment industries.

Standards Council of Canada

270 Albert Street, Suite 200, Ottawa, ON K1P 6N7

web: <http://www.scc.ca/>

tel: (613) 238-3222

fax: (613) 569-7808

email: info@scc.ca

Responds to enquiries on standards and maintains a comprehensive collection of national, regional, and international standards for sale. The SCC is a federal Crown corporation with the mandate to promote efficient and effective voluntary standardization in Canada.

Vancouver Coastal Health, GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre

4255 Laurel Street, Vancouver, BC V5Z 2G9

web: <http://www.vch.ca/gfstrong/index.htm>

tel: (604) 734-1313

fax: (604) 737-6359

email: gfstrong@vch.ca

As a freestanding facility, G.F. Strong provides inpatient, outpatient, outreach and clinical support services to clients/patients in four unique programs: Acquired Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Arthritis and Neuromusculoskeletal.

Vancouver Women's Health Collective

225 - 119 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1S5

web: <http://www.womenshealthcollective.ca/>

tel: (604) 736-5262

email: vwhc@vcn.bc.ca

Offers information and courses on women's health issues. Publishes quarterly newsletter and access to health publications through mail order. Resource centre library has information on a broad range of women's health topics, including OH&S. For women only.

PART 2

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION



Sources of OH&S information in electronic format are in a constant state of flux and development. Though not comprehensive, this section identifies representative Internet sites for useful online resources and selected CDROM databases of current value and significance. Internet addresses are given in the form of a *Uniform Resource Identifier* (URI) for the *World Wide Web* (WWW), while contact information is provided for the CDROM database producers and/or suppliers.

2.1 Internet Sites

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

web: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>

This site provides access to an extensive collection of ATSDR documents (*National Alerts, Public Health Advisories, ToxFAQs, etc.*). It contains information on the health effects of hazardous substances, maps of hazardous waste sites, health studies and special initiatives, projects, and reports. Users can also access *HazDat (Hazardous Substances Release/Health Effect Database)*, the scientific and administrative database developed to provide access to information on the release of hazardous substances.

American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)

web: <http://www.aohn.org/>

This site provides a wealth of information about the AAOHN, a list of AAOHN publications, continuing education opportunities, message boards, and links to other Internet nursing resources.

American Industrial Hygiene Association

web: <http://www.aiha.org>

Provides membership information, professional development opportunities, membership access to articles in *AIHA* journals, and links to other safety sites.

American National Standards Association

web: <http://www.ansi.org>

Offers information about ANSI, as well as providing access to ANSI's electronic standards store and links to other Internet resources.

Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics

web: <http://www.aoec.org/>

This site provides AOEC exposure codes as well as a comprehensive occupational and environmental exposure database that lists all job and home exposures of health concern

British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program

web: <http://www.pep.bc.ca>

The Provincial Emergency Program maintains awareness, preparedness, response, and recovery programs to reduce the cost of emergencies. This website provides hazard plans for earthquakes, disease outbreaks and tsunamis, as well as general government-published guides, plans, and legislation on emergency programs.

Canada Safety Council (CSC)

web: <http://www.safety-council.org/>

This website provides information and safety quizzes on traffic and driving safety, on occupational safety and health (including the full-text of the latest issue of the CSC's newsletter, *Safety Canada*), children's safety, and other topics.

Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness

web: <http://www.ccep.ca/>

The Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness improves the capabilities of those with responsibility for disaster management. This site provides information on emergency planning services, disaster recovery programs, and links to related journals and websites.

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)

web: <http://www.ccohs.ca/>

This site offers free searching on many databases including: MSDS plus CHEMINFO, CHEMpendium, RTECS, OSH References, and Canadian EnviroOSH Legislation. In most cases, you can search the databases for free but must have a subscription to view the records retrieved by your searches. The "OSH Answers" section provides information in a Q&A format on a variety of topics including: biological hazards, diseases, disorders & injuries, ergonomics, health & safety programs, and occupations & workplaces. This site also provides product information, including downloadable demos, and links to other OH&S Internet sites.

CanOSH, Canada's National Occupational Health and Safety Website

web: <http://www.canoshweb.org/en/>

This website brings together occupational health and safety information that is available from the federal, provincial, and territorial governments of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Safety and Health. Each heading (Legislation, Statistics, Research, etc.) is broken down into links to national, federal, and then provincial/territorial websites and resources.

Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET)

web: <http://www.ohsu.edu/croet/>

This site is a rich source for resources related to workplace safety and health issues such as back injuries, biological hazards such as the Avian Flu and West Nile Virus, and occupational asthma.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

web: <http://www.cdc.gov>

The CDC promotes health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. This site provides extensive information on traveler's and public health, as well as CDC publications, data, statistics, training, and employment opportunities. Also available is the full-text of *Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report*, *Preventing Chronic Disease* and the *Emerging Infectious Disease Journal*.

Construction Safety Association of Ontario

web: <http://www.csao.org/>

The CSAO provides safety training, consultation, products and research. The site provides access to resources on fall protection, musculoskeletal disorders, and asbestos information, in addition to providing "Safety Talks", which take about five minutes and can help workers recognize and control hazards on the job.

CSA (Canadian Standards Association) International

web: <http://www.csa.ca>

The CSA International site lists news releases, gives directory information, and provides access to the CSA products catalogue.

Diseases, Disorders and Related Topics

web: <http://www.mic.ki.se/Diseases/>

Sweden's Karolinska Institute Library and Information Center provides an extensive collection of websites related to diseases, health conditions, and disorders, which can be accessed by using subject headings, keyword searching or browsing the alphabetical list of diseases.

ELCOSH (Electronic Library of Construction Occupational Health & Safety)

web: <http://www.cdc.gov/elcosh/index.html>

This site is intended to provide accurate, user-friendly information about safety and health for construction workers from a wide range of sources worldwide. Information can be located by the hazard, the type of job site, or the trade.

Environment, Health and Safety Online

web: <http://www.ehso.com/>

This website provides more than 2,000 pages of "free objective information for the general public and environmental health science professionals". There is an emphasis on US laws and regulations but there is also a wealth of general information and the table of contents provides access to more than 200 topics, listed alphabetically.

ErgoWeb

web: <http://www.ergoweb.com/>

Provides ergonomics information, case studies, product information, and news. Also offers subscription access to ergonomic job evaluation, analysis, and design software.

Great Britain. Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

web: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

The HSE site provides information about risks to people's health and safety from work activities. There is an online enquiry service available, as well as the text of HSE press releases, an A-Z index, and a list of HSE/HSC publications.

Health, Environment & Work

web: <http://www.agius.com/hew/index.htm>

This site was created and is maintained by Professor Raymond Agius, a Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of Manchester. It "provides many academically based educational resources (also available as FAQs), a search facility, as well as vetted and updated 'links' relating to occupational and environmental health and medicine".

Health Canada. Environmental and Workplace Health

web: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/index_e.html

Health Canada has developed programs and resources to help maintain a safe environment for Canadians, addressing air quality, water quality, environmental contaminants, noise, as well as a wide range of workplace health and safety issues.

Healthy Computing

web: <http://www.healthycomputing.com/>

The Healthy Computing website provides detailed information on the correct position to assume at computer workstations, stretches to relieve strain, common computer-related disorders & conditions, and products to prevent discomfort & ensure proper posture at the computer workstation. A similar site that is worth consulting is the *Typing Injury FAQ Home Page* (<http://www.tifaq.com>).

Human Resources Development Canada. Occupational Health & Safety

web: <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/gateways/topics/oxs-gxr.shtml>

This site offers general information concerning occupational health and safety for federally regulated employees and employers in Canada.

Institute for Work and Health

web: <http://www.iwh.on.ca/>

The Institute researches contributing factors in workplace health and disability and provides information on industrial health and rehabilitation. The site provides access to the Institute's newsletter, research projects, publications and systematic reviews.

IPS INCHEM, Chemical Safety Information from Intergovernmental Organizations

web: <http://www.inchem.org/>

This site provides a searchable database of "evaluated" information on chemicals. Free access is given to documents such as *Environmental Health Criteria Monographs*, *Data Sheets on Pesticides*, *HSGs Health & Safety Guides*, and *Poison Information Monographs*. This website is a collaboration between the International Programme on Chemical Safety and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

JOB QUALITY

web: <http://www.jobquality.ca/>

This site provides information on the quality of work and working conditions in Canada. It includes charts and tables, statistics, and related news articles. Broad categories include: Computers at work, Work Environment, and Work-Life Balance.

Medscape

web: <http://www.medscape.com/>

Medscape features thousands of free, full-text, peer-reviewed articles and medical news on topics like "Critical Care", "Infectious Diseases", "Orthopedics", and "Public Health and Prevention".

Michigan State University. Office of Radiation, Chemical & Biological Safety

web: <http://www.orcbs.msu.edu/>

This site contains information, resources, and guidelines on radiation, chemical, occupational, and biological safety, as well as hazardous waste.

MSDS Sites

Electronic Space Products International. High Purity Metals & Compounds MSDS's

web: <http://www.espi-metals.com/msds.htm>

New Jersey. Dept. of Health & Senior Services. Right to Know Program

web: <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/rtkhsfs/indexfs.aspx>

Oxford University. Physical & Theoretical Chemistry Lab

web: <http://physchem.ox.ac.uk/MSDS/>

Public Health Agency of Canada. Office of Laboratory Security. MSDS

web: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/msds-ftss/>

Vermont - SIRI

web: <http://hazard.com/>

National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR)

web: <http://www.nidmar.ca/>

Among other goals, the NIDMAR develops support products and programs to assist Canadian workplaces in developing and implementing disability management programs. The site provides information on NIDMAR training programs, products, and services, as well as providing links to other sites. Users can access the *REHADAT Canada* database and the full-text of recent issues of the newsletter, *Return*, are provided online.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIES)

web: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/>

This site provides information on the National Toxicology Program (NTP), facts about environment-related disease and health risks, and NTP employment training opportunities. Allows access to the NIEHS Library and supplies the text of the *Environmental Health Perspectives Journal* (1972 to current). Also gives links to other sources of environmental health information.

National Institute of Health (NIH)

web: <http://www.nih.gov/>

This site describes recent NIH news and events and gives information on grants and contracts, scientific resources, and institutes and offices. There is rich collection of NIH resources on health information organized by Body location/system, Conditions/diseases and Procedures.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

web: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>

Provides a wealth of information on occupational health and safety, breaking the material down into broad headings such as: Industries & Occupations, Hazards & Exposures, Diseases & Injuries, Safety & Prevention. Includes information on NIOSH documents and databases, as well as the full text of selected NIOSH alerts, criteria documents, and other publications.

National Library of Medicine (NLM)

web: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

This site is designed for the public, health care professionals, researchers, librarians, and publishers. It provides information on research programs, grants, and training opportunities as well as providing access to *MEDLINE/PubMed* and other NLM databases.

National Pesticide Information Center

web: <http://npic.orst.edu/index.html>

This site provides information about pesticides and pesticide-related topics to help people make informed decisions about pesticides and their use.

National Quality Institute

web: <http://www.nqi.ca/>

This site offers standards for healthy workplace practices and features healthy workplace articles and resources. It also provides links to articles in the online magazine: *Excellence*.

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

web: <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/>

The NTP coordinates toxicological testing programs and provides information about potentially toxic chemicals. This website provides useful fact sheets and announcements about toxic substances and issues, lists selected NTP publications, and allows visitors to subscribe to the NTP list server to receive news and updates via email.

Osh.Net, Gateway for Safety & Health Information Resources

web: <http://www.OSH.net/>

This site acts as a gateway to Internet resources for occupational health and safety professionals and is managed by a team of health and safety experts. Users can search by keyword or browse topics such as "Safety", "Industrial Hygiene", and "Occupational Health".

OSHWEB

web: <http://www.oshweb.com/owd/owd01.nsf>

This directory provides broad subject categories (Chemical and biological agents, Physical risks, Prevention and protection measures, Safety risks, etc.) that link the user to occupational safety and health Internet resources.

Right to Know Hazardous Substance Fact Sheets

web: <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/rtkhsfs/indexfs.aspx>

There are fact sheets on over 1,000 hazardous and toxic chemicals in this regularly updated database. Information for each substance includes identifying characteristics, health hazards, workplace exposure limits, emergency first aid, handling and storage, and a question-and-answer section. The fact sheets are provided by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

Seton Online: Workplace Safety

web: <http://www.seton.com/>

This site provides access to a large range of safety products. Products can be accessed by searching by name or by browsing topics such as "Security", "Lockout and Electrical", and "Spill Control". Orders for these safety products can be submitted online.

Standards Council of Canada

web: <http://www.scc.ca/>

The SCC promotes efficient and effective standardization in Canada. The site offers worldwide news about standardization, description and price information on standards, and a searchable database of Canadian, foreign, and international standards

Statistics Canada

web: <http://www.statcan.ca/start.html>

Statistics Canada offers free statistics on Canada's population, resources, economy, society, and culture. The site provides access to products, services, and education resources, as well as links to other Canadian government and statistical websites.

Toxnet (Toxicology Data Network)

web: <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>

Toxnet, sponsored by the National Library of Medicine, provides access to a cluster of databases (HSDB, TOXLINE, DART, etc.) on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, and related areas. Each database must be searched individually.

US Department of Energy. Environment. Office of Health, Safety and Security

web: <http://dewey.tis.eh.doe.gov/portal/topics/topics.htm>

This site provides technical information services for the U.S. Department of Energy's environment, safety, and health function. The search interface allows users to search by keyword or to select from a broad range of topics.

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

web: <http://www.epa.gov/>

This site provides information on environmental issues, laws, and regulations in the US.

US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

web: <http://www.osha.gov/>

Provides news releases, information on publications, programs and services, as well as Federal Register notices, statistical data, OSHA standards, regulations, directives, and outreach information. The site provides an alphabetical index, as well as a search engine. Links the user to other U.S. government and safety & health Internet sites.

Vermont SIRI (Safety Information Resources on the Internet) Website

web: <http://hazard.com/>

The site contains a wide variety of occupational and environmental safety and health information. Searchers can access a large archive of material safety data sheets, the Vermont SIRI Library, which contains files on safety issues, as well as links to other safety sites on the Internet.

The Virtual Hospital

web: <http://www.uihealthcare.com/vh/>

This is a digital health sciences library that contains hundreds of books and brochures designed for healthcare providers and patients. It ceased operations on January 1, 2006 due to a lack of funding but much of the content remains online.

Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety

web: <http://agcenter.ucdavis.edu/>

The Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety focuses on improving and protecting the health and safety of agricultural producers, farm workers, and their families. This site provides information on agricultural health and safety, an electronic copy of the quarterly newsletter AgHealth News, an e-mail discussion and announcement forum for topics related to agriculture health and safety, and links to other relevant sites.

Worker Rights

web: <http://www.workrights.ca/>

This site is an initiative of the labour movement to provide information to Canadians who have questions about their rights on the job. Specific sections include: Health and Safety; Human Rights; and Work Environment.

Worksafe! – A California Coalition for Worker Occupational Safety & Health Protection

web: <http://www.worksafe.org/>

Although much of the material has an emphasis on California laws and regulations there is enough general material to make this site useful for everyone. The list of links to "OSH Topics" is extensive and national in scope.

Worksafe: Government of Western Australia

web: <http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/WorkSafe/>

This site provides safety and health information for various industries, in addition to providing the contents of the newsletter, *SafetyLine*. There is an emphasis on Australian safety regulations and legislation; however enough general information exists to make this site worthwhile.

Worksafe. Safety at Work

web: <http://www2.worksafebc.com/Safety/Home.asp>

WorkSafeBC's "Safety at Work" site provides a place for workplace injury prevention information. Information is broken down by "Industries" (Construction, Health Care, Wood Products Manufacturing, etc.), "Topics" (Young Worker, First Aid, Indoor Air Quality, etc.), "Resources" (Audio Slide Shows, Download or Stream Videos, Safety Signs and Stickers, etc.), and "Calculators" (Small Business Safety Calculator, Lift/Lower Calculator, etc.).

World Health Organization (WHO)

web: <http://www.who.int/home-page/>

Provides information on international health issues and offers access to WHO publications, data and statistics.

Canadian Workers' Compensation & OHS Agencies with Internet Sites

Alberta

Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta
<http://www.wcb.ab.ca>

British Columbia

Workers' Compensation Board of B.C.
<http://www.worksafebc.com/>

B.C. Employers' Advisors Office
<http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/eao/>

B.C. Ombudsman
<http://www.ombud.gov.bc.ca/>

B.C. Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
<http://www.oipcbc.org/>

B.C. Workers' Advisers Office
<http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/wab/>

Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal
<http://www.wcat.bc.ca/>

Manitoba

Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba
<http://www.wcb.mb.ca/>

New Brunswick

Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission of New Brunswick
<http://www.whscc.nb.ca/>

Newfoundland and Labrador

Workplace Health, Safety & Compensation Commission of Newfoundland and Labrador
<http://www.whscc.nf.ca>

Northwest Territories and Nunavut

Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Workers' Safety & Compensation Commission.
<http://www.wcb.nt.ca>

Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada

<http://www.awcbc.org>

Nova Scotia

Dept of Labour and Workforce Development

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/lwd/>

Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia

<http://www.wcb.ns.ca>

Ontario

Ontario. Ministry of Labour. Health & Safety

<http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs>

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario

http://www.wsib.on.ca/wsib/wsibsite.nsf/public/Home_e

Ontario. Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal

<http://www.wsiat.on.ca/>

Ontario. Workers Health and Safety Centre

<http://www.whsc.on.ca>

PEI

Workers Compensation Board of Prince Edward Island

<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/>

Quebec

Commission de la sante et de la securite du travail du Quebec

<http://www.csst.qc.ca>

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board

<http://www.wcbsask.com/>

Yukon

Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board

<http://wcb.yk.ca/>

Selected OH&S Internet Mailing List

AgHealth E-mail Listserver

Subscription address: <http://wcahs.ucdavis.edu/mailman/listinfo/aghealth> The "aghealth" e-mail list server is open to anyone interested in agricultural health and safety.

AIHAIH-LIST (formerly IH-List)

Subscription address: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aihaih-list>

Send messages to: aihaih-list@yahoogroups.com

IH-list is a list for the general use of the Industrial Hygienists and interested professionals who wish to discuss topics of general industrial hygiene or ask questions of the listserv community. This list is open to all subscribers and is unmonitored.

BEPREPARED-L

Subscription address: listserv@listhost.com
Send messages to: beprepared-l@listhost.com
Online discussion of emergency preparedness

BIOSAFTY

Subscription address: listserv@mitvma.mit.edu
Send messages to: biosafety@mitvma.mit.edu
A list for biosafety discussions.

BUSHEA-L

Subscription address: listserv@siu.edu
Send messages to: bushea-l@siu.edu
Health related information for business and industry.

CCOHS-NEWS

Subscription address: requests@list.ccohs.ca
Send messages to: ccohs-news@list.ccohs.ca
This is a broadcast list for news releases and product announcements from the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

CHMINF-L

Subscription address: listserv@listserv.indiana.edu
Send messages to: cheminf-l@listserv.indiana.edu
Chemical information sources discussion list.

CIBW99-L

Subscription address: listproc@hawaii.edu
Send messages to: cibw99-l@hawaii.edu
International construction safety and health.

CONSPACE-LIST

Subscription address: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/conspace-list/info.html>
Send messages to: conspace-list@yahoogroups.com
This is a forum for discussions related to confined space. It is intended to serve as a forum for discussion by the Confined Space Technical Committee of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and for general exchanges on the subject.

ERGOWEB-FORUM

Subscription address: <http://www.ergoweb.com>
Send messages to: ergoweb-l@ergoweb.com
This list is a place where registered ErgoWeb® users can exchange information, ideas, discuss current topics, etc related to ergonomics. Registration is free. The list is moderated. Register at <http://www.ergoweb.com/join/register.cfm>

HAZMAT-L

Subscription address: listserv@coloradocollege.edu
Send messages to: hazmat-l@coloradocollege.edu
Transportation, storage and reporting of hazardous materials, plus general hazmat discussions.

Health Care Health and Safety

Subscription address: requests@ccohs.ca
Send messages to: hchs@ccohs.ca
HC-H&S is a means of distributing messages to a group of individuals from the health care industry with interests in workplace health and occupational health and safety in a Canadian context.

HS-CANADA

Subscription address: requests@ccohs.ca
Send messages to: hs-canada@ccohs.ca
Occupational and environmental health and safety discussions in a Canadian context. See full description at: <http://www.ccohs.ca/hscanada/hscanada.html>.

MSDS-INFO

Subscription address: requests@list.ccohs.ca
Send messages to: msds-info@list.ccohs.ca
Monthly change notifications for the MSDS database from the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS).

OCC-ENV-MED-L

Subscription address: listserv@listserv.duhc.duke.edu
Send messages to: occ-env-med-l@listserv.duhc.duke.edu
This list provides a moderated forum for announcements dissemination of text files and academic discussion and allows the presentation of clinical vignettes synopses of new regulatory issues and reports of interesting items from publications elsewhere (both the medical and the non-medical journals).

OCCENVMED

Subscription address: mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk
Send messages to: occenvmed@mailbase.ac.uk
This list will be of interest to all practitioners of occupational and environmental medicine and occupational health. Its aim is to promote discussion about current issues and to foster a global approach to research and teaching. Occenvmed is a United Kingdom-based list. Nonetheless, membership is encouraged from other European Member States, as well as from other parts of the World.

OCCHYGPRO

Subscription address: uib@phoenix-ohc.on.ca
Send messages to: occhygpro@list.ccohs.ca
The intent of the list is to provide a high-quality, low-volume forum for exchange of information and ideas, where substantive, cutting-edge matters of relevance to the hygiene profession can be addressed effectively by eliciting comment and / or consensus among other experienced and insightful professionals, in conformity to our codes of ethics.

OEM-ANNOUNCE

Subscription address: listserv@listserv.duhc.duke.edu
Send messages to: oem-announce@listserv.duhc.duke.edu
This is a moderated list for the distribution of notices about upcoming events and items of interest to occupational and environmental medicine professionals.

OEM-List

Subscription address: www.occhealthnews.net Discussion is continuous, dynamic and entertaining. It's also (well, almost always) on-topic, professional in content, and civil in tone due to the dutiful monitoring of distributed messages by Gary Greenberg, MD, the founder and daily moderator. Messages are not reviewed prior to posting but the authors of messages that are off topic or not professional in tone receive a private message from Gary reminding them of the list's protocol.

Research eNetwork

Subscription address: <http://www.whscc.nf.ca/research/enetwork.htm>
Hosted by the Newfoundland Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission, the Research e-Network allows participants to receive and send information electronically regarding

the latest activities and findings in workplace research. It links employers, workers, research experts, health and safety professionals, and other interested individuals and groups throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

RSI-EAST

Subscription address: listserv@maelstrom.stjohns.edu
Send messages to: rsi-east@maelstrom.stjohns.edu
St. John's University Repetitive Strain Injury List.

SAFTNEWS

Subscription address: listserv@labsafety.com
Send messages to: saftnews@labsafety.com
SAFTNEWS is a free bi-weekly newsletter specifically designed for US and Canadian businesses interested in staying up-to-date with the latest in safety and industrial news. The focus is on new and upcoming regulations and how they will affect your workplace.

SHIFTWORK

Subscription address: majordomo@world.std.com
Send messages to: shiftwork@world.std.com
Shiftwork is a moderated forum that provides a place for shiftworkers and their family members, shiftwork managers, researchers and other experts in the shiftworking field to discuss the many different aspects of working in round-the-clock operations.

TOX

Subscription address: majordomo@acpub.duke.edu
Send messages to: tox@acpub.duke.edu
Integrated toxicology program list.

Instructions: Send an e-mail message to xxx@xxx.xx leaving the Subject line blank. In the body of the message, type the following: subscribe XXX your name (XXX being the name of the mailing list, and your name being your first and last name). Send the message and wait for a reply from the listserver.

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2.2 Digital Databases and Electronic Publications

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Accident Prevention Manual, CD-ROM

Available from: ACGIH, Kemper Woods Center, 1330 Kemper Meadow Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240-1634

web: <http://www.acgih.org/>

Full-text of the 12 edition manual. On two CD-ROMs: Administration & Programs, Engineering & Technology.

ATSDR ToxProfiles

Produced by Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, U.S. Public Health Service, Center for Disease Control

Available from: ATSDR Information Center, 1825 Century Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30345

web: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/>

Consists of more than 150 toxicological profiles covering the adverse effects of selected hazardous substances, chemicals and compounds.

Australian OHS

Produced by IHS Australia Pty. Ltd.

Locked Bag 7, Eastwood, NSW 2122

web: <http://www.ihs.com.au/>

Provides Internet access to occupational health and safety documents from more than 130 Australian and overseas organizations, including NOHSC (WorkSafe Australia), the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene, ACTU, ILO, NIOSH and others. Includes standards, legislation, and codes of practice.

Subscription required.

BNA's Safety Library on CD

Produced by Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.

1231-25th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20037

web: <http://www.bna.com/>

Complete text of US federal occupational safety and health statutes and regulations, covering such topics as education and training, employer liability, enforcement actions, hazard communication, and more.

Canadian enviroOSH Legislation PLUS Standards

Produced by Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

135 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1M5

web: <http://www.ccohs.ca/>

An electronic collection of fulltext Canadian federal, provincial, and territorial occupational safety and health and environmental statutes, along with associated regulations, codes of practice, and CSA standards cited in the legislation. A western edition is available containing legislation for British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

CCOHS Databases (Disc Information Service)

Produced by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

135 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1M5

web: <http://www.ccohs.ca/>

A series of chemical and toxicological databases, including CHEMpendium, IPCS Inchem, IPCS Intox, MSDS, ChemInFO, OSH Researcher, OSHLINE with NIOSHTIC, and RTECS. Available on CDROM and the Internet.

Documentation of the TLVs and BEIs with Other Worldwide Occupational Exposure Values CDROM

Produced by ACGIH, Kemper Woods Center, 1330 Kemper Meadow Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240 USA
web: <http://www.acgih.org/>

Includes ACGIH Chemical Substances threshold limit values, as well as occupational exposure values from an additional 31 countries, agencies or jurisdictions. Carcinogenicity classifications by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and the U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP) are included.

Encyclopedia of Occupational Health & Safety, 4th Ed.

Produced by the International Labour Organization

Available from: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety
135 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1M5

web: <http://www.ccohs.ca/>

A classic resource in occupational health and safety, with comprehensive sections on health and healthcare, management and policy, hazards, chemicals, and industries. Internet access is available through subscription from CCOHS, as well as free of charge from ILO at <http://www.ilo.org/encyclopaedia/>.

Environmental Chemistry, Health & Safety

Produced by the Royal Society of Chemistry

Available from: Dialog OnDisc, 11000 Regency Parkway, Suite 10, Cary NC 27511

web: <http://www.dialog.com/sources/ondisc/>

Citations to published information about chemicals considered to be hazardous to humans or the environment, including microbiological and radiation hazards. Derived from Royal Society of Chemistry databases.

Essential Resources for IH and Glossary of OH Terms, CD-ROM

Available from: American Industrial Hygiene Association,
2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 22031

web: <http://www.aiha.org/>

Offers annotated references to U.S. and international regulations and laws, consensus standards, guidelines, position statements and criteria documents, electronic databases, and more. Includes a compilation of more than 3,000 occupational hygiene terms taken from AIHA, OSHA, EPA, ATSDR and ANSI publications.

Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, CD-ROM

Produced by ACGIH, Kemper Woods Center, 1330 Kemper Meadow Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240-1634

web: <http://www.acgih.org/>

Contains all of the information in the 5th print edition, including ventilation of industrial workplaces, respiratory protection, particulates, and recognition, evaluation and control of hazards, among other topics.

Genium MSDS Collection

Produced by Genium Group Inc.

1171 Riverfront Center, Amsterdam, NY 12010 USA

web: <http://www.genium.com/>

Includes data for commercially popular workplace chemicals in a consistent 16-section format. Available on CDROM and the Internet.

Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, 14th Ed., CD-ROM

Available from: ACGIH, Kemper Woods Center, 1330 Kemper Meadow Drive,
Cincinnati, OH 45240

web: <http://www.acgih.org/>

Provides access to technical data and descriptive information covering thousands of chemicals and chemical phenomena. Includes toxicity evaluation and reactivity/flammability data.

Health & Safety/Risk Abstracts

Produced by Cambridge Scientific Abstracts

Available from: CSA, 7200 Wisconsin Avenue - Suite 601, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 USA

web: <http://www.csa.com/>

Published in association with the University of Southern California's Institute of Safety and Systems Management, this database provides a comprehensive, timely survey of recent work relating to public health, safety, and industrial hygiene.

HRDC Labour Branch CD-ROM

Produced by Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

135 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1M5

web: <http://www.ccohs.ca/>

OH&S labour standards from Human Resources Development Canada, equal pay and fire prevention information, with a focus on federally-regulated organizations.

Industrial Ventilation: A Manual of Recommended Practice CD-ROM

Produced by ACGIH, Kemper Woods Center, 1330 Kemper Meadow Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240 USA

web: <http://www.acgih.org/>

An electronic version of the ACGIH publication by the same name, 23rd edition. Includes basic ventilation principles and the ability to perform calculations using selected equations. Uses web technology and is packaged with Internet Explorer and Adobe Acrobat Reader, as well as the Chemical Substances TLVs.

IPCS INCHEM

Produced by the International Programme on Chemical Safety

web: <http://www.inchem.org/>

Consolidates a wide variety of information produced by a number of international bodies concerned with the safe management of chemicals. Includes *Environmental Health Criteria* monographs, Health and Safety guides, International Chemical Safety Cards, Pesticide data sheets, and more.

IPCS INTOX

Produced by the International Programme on Chemical Safety

web: <http://www.intox.org/>

When a poison centre or a related unit needs information to help identify a poison and its toxicity, to determine the likely clinical effects and the most appropriate patient management, the IPCS INTOX Databank can rapidly retrieve and present the essential information.

Merck Manuals

Produced by Merck & Co., Inc., Whitehouse Station, NJ USA

web: <http://www.merck.com/>

Merck offers several publications on the Internet, including the *Merck Index*, an encyclopedia of chemicals, drugs and biologicals that contains more than 10,000 monographs, including physical and toxicity data, therapeutic and commercial uses, CAS registry numbers, and more. While a subscription is required for the Merck Index, other manuals such as the *Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy* are available free of charge.

NIOSH Criteria Documents Plus

Produced by National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Available from: National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, VA 22151.

web: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/critdoc2.html>

Two-disc CD-ROM contains the full text of the 143 Criteria Documents (including Special Occupational Hazard Reviews, Occupational Hazard Assessments, and joint occupational health documents), 57 Current Intelligence bulletins, and 43 Alerts issued by NIOSH through to 1996. Much of this information is also available on the NIOSH website.

NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluations

Produced by National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Available from: U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20401

web: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/>

Two CDs containing the full text of approximately 1,700 Health Hazard Evaluation final reports (1981-1996) on workplace exposures to hazardous materials (chemical or biological contaminants), and evaluates other potentially hazardous working conditions, such as exposures to heat, noise, radiation and musculoskeletal stresses. HHE reports are also available on the NIOSH website.

NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods (NMAM), CD-ROM

Produced by National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

web: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nmam/>

Provides Internet access to the full text of the 4th edition of NMAM, including all graphics, tables and indexes.

Occupational Environment - Its Evaluation and Control (CD-ROM)

Available from: American Industrial Hygiene Association,

2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 22031

web: <http://www.aiha.org/>

CDROM containing fulltext of book by same name; included free with purchase of the printed book.

Organized into six parts: Introduction and background, hazard recognition and evaluation, physical agents, the human environment at work, controlling the occupational environment, and program management.

Includes chapters on ergonomics, computers, psychology, and worker education and training.

OSH-DB

Available from Information Ventures, Inc.

42 South 15th Street, Suite 700, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2299

web: <http://infoventures.com/osh/aiha-osh.html>

A web accessible database with over 220,000 original abstracts covering virtually all aspects of the occupational safety and health field. Records contain original abstracts as well as complete bibliographic information. Requires a subscription.

OSH-ROM

Available from: Croner.CCH Group, 145 London Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 6SR

web: <http://www.healthandsafety-centre.net/>

Seven occupational safety and health bibliographic databases, including NIOSHTIC and NIOSHTIC-2 (US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health), HSELINE (UK Health and Safety Executive), CISDOC (International Labour Organization), RILOSH (Ryerson International Labour Occupational Safety and Health Index), and the OEM (Occupational and Environmental Medicine) subset of MEDLINE.

Patty's Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology, Fifth Edition

Available from: American Industrial Hygiene Association

2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 22031

web: <http://www.aiha.org>

This single-user CD-ROM contains the full 13 volume set of the original print edition, including quick access to current information on IH, occupational safety, the toxicological properties of chemicals.

REG-Trieve

Available from: Labelmaster, 5724 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60646

web: <http://www.labelmaster.com/regtrieve/>

Occupational safety and health regulatory information for several US jurisdictions, including Washington and Oregon.

RTECS

Produced by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Available from: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, 135 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1M5

web: <http://www.ccohs.ca>

The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) from the US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) provides toxicological information for over 140,000 chemical substances. Profiles include toxicological data and reviews, international workplace exposure limits, references to US standards and regulations, and exposure and hazard surveys.

Sax's Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials CDROM

Available from: ACGIH, Kemper Woods Center, 1330 Kemper Meadow Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45240 USA

web: <http://www.acgih.org>

Electronic version of *Sax's Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials*, 11th edition. Contains more than 44,000 entries for chemicals and industrial materials, including OSHA, ACGIH, NIOSH, MAK and DOT values.

Also covers biohazards, primary irritants, organometallics, agricultural chemicals, industrial and environmental carcinogens and air contaminants.

TOMES Plus

Produced by Micromedex, Inc.

6200 South Syracuse Way, Suite 300, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-4740

web: <http://www.micromedex.com/products/tomesplus/>

Chemical, medical, and toxicological information for the industrial and occupational medicine markets. Covers chemical effects, range of toxicity, workplace standards, kinetics, and physiochemical standards.

Worker Safety Resources CD-ROM

Produced by Genium Group Inc.

1171 Riverfront Center, Amsterdam, NY 12010

web: <http://www.genium.com/>

Ready-to-print employee handouts addressing over 200 leading causes of workplace accidents. Includes posters, material safety data sheets, labels, and OSHA standards.

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PART 3

PRINTED INFORMATION



The occupational health and safety literature is varied, voluminous, and can be technically complex. The following bibliography provides a selection of general references, as well as relevant publications specific to British Columbia. It is by no means comprehensive, but is intended to serve as an introduction to the literature. Selection was based on one or more of the following criteria: (1) simplified guidelines written in plain English, (2) authoritative reference textbooks and “classics”, and (3) a focus on British Columbia where possible. Frequent reference is made to the excellent publications prepared by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). Likewise, many OH&S publications produced by WorkSafeBC are included; for more information on WorkSafeBC reports, pamphlets, booklets, and videos, please consult the *Publications* section of the www.worksafebc.com website or contact the WorkSafeBC Store at 1-866-319-9704 or www.worksafebcstore.com. The documents referenced in the bibliography are available for viewing in the WorkSafeBC Library, but borrowing privileges are restricted. For more information, contact the Library at (604) 231-8450.

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