

Internet Resources for Job Safety and Health

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General Health and Safety Sites

One of the best sources of information for job health and safety on the internet is the **OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration)** homepage, which includes an ergonomics homepage, a searchable index of standards, and a listing of health and safety sites on the internet.

<http://www.osha.gov>

To look up **OSHA citations** by company or industry:

<http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.html>

NIOSH (the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) is another good general source.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html>

EPA has a number of sites relevant to occupational health on indoor air quality, asbestos, and other topics. www.epa.gov <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/homes/index.html>

The **North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center** is the new home for the occupational health listserv (formerly based at Duke), with a good set of technical links to other occupational health resources.

<http://www.occhealthnews.net>

The **Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety** has hundreds of resources on their health and safety internet resource list. Start at their home page, then choose Resources (on the top bar), then Internet Directory. <http://www.ccohs.ca>

New Jersey Health Dept. has 1,600 excellent **chemical hazard factsheets** that are free, independently researched, and clearly written (650 in Spanish) on hundreds of substances.

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

Vermont safety information resources has a database of **material safety data sheets (MSDS)** from a large number of chemical companies. <http://www.siri.org>

Several safety organizations have useful websites:

<http://www.nsc.org>

The National Safety Council

www.aiha.org

The American Industrial Hygiene Association

www.asse.org

American Society of Safety Engineers

www.nfpa.org

National Fire Protection Assoc.

www.safetycentral.org

International Safety Equipment Association

For a labor perspective, the **national AFL-CIO** includes a health and safety page.

<http://www.aflcio.org/issues/safety>, and **NYCOSH** (New York Council for Occupational Safety and Health) covers a lot of news and has a listserv. <http://www.nycosh.org>

The **Connecticut Business and Industry Association** has a health and safety page that helps businesses understand what OSHA laws apply to them, and provides information on upcoming conferences and events. <http://www.cbia.com/hr/SafetyAndHealth>

The **Environmental Defense Fund** has a scorecard page with information about the health effects of chemical emissions from 17,000 industrial facilities and the testing of chemicals, with maps and interactive databases. <http://www.scorecard.org/>

The Cal-OSHA Reporter carries current stories on job health and safety at <http://www.cal-osha.com>.

There are at least a couple of **blogs that carry job health and safety news and commentary**. These include <http://weeklytoll.blogspot.com> which includes a listing of those who have been killed on the job in the past week, the Pump Handle at <http://thepumphandle.wordpress.com/confined-space-tph> which continues the legacy of Jordan Barab's blog, and <http://workerscompinsider.com> which covers workers' compensation issues.

The **Toxic Use Reduction Institute** at UMass Lowell has extensive resources on safer alternatives to toxic substances, including a database on alternatives to solvents at <http://www.turi.org>. **UMass-Lowell's Center for Sustainable Production** has information on changing chemical policies at <http://www.chemicalspolicy.org/index.shtml>. The **Health and Safety Executive of Great Britain** has extensive information on the new European Union's REACH (Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals) at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/reach/resources.htm>.

State of Connecticut Resources

The **Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission** has an excellent website, including information on the locations of offices, a searchable version of the workers' compensation statutes, new decisions, and other information. <http://wcc.state.ct.us>

The **ConneCT** website allows access to all state agencies: <http://www.state.ct.us>

The **State Department of Public Health** includes a site for the occupational health program, including versions of the occupational lung disease newsletter, factsheets.

http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3140&q=387472&dphNav_GID=1828&dphPNavCtr=#47144

The **Connecticut Labor Department** includes an occupational health services site, which includes information on their free consultation program and a great set of links to other health and safety sites.

<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/osha/osha.htm>

The Connecticut General Assembly website lets you search for any bill being considered, or get information about relevant committees such as Labor and Public Employees or Public Health.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov> You can track national bills on the National Library of Medicine site known as Thomas <http://thomas.loc.gov>

You can search the medical literature at PubMed at www.pubmed.gov or more general academic searches <http://scholar.google.com/schhp?tab=ws> through Google Scholar

UConn Health Center's Occupational and Environmental Health Center has information and links on job health and safety <http://www.oehc.uhc.edu> and has a center on Healthy Workplaces with UMass Lowell at <http://www.oehc.uhc.edu/healthywork>

Ergonomic Sites and Links

ErgoCenter at UConn Health Center at <http://www.oehc.uhc.edu/ergo.asp>

Ergoweb has a lot of good factsheets, documents, and news. <http://www.ergoweb.com>

Tom Bernard's website at **University of South Florida** has many of the standards and excellent free electronic ergonomic analysis tools such as the NIOSH lifting equation at <http://personal.health.usf.edu/tbernard/ergotools/index.html>. **Tom Armstrong** at the **University of Michigan** runs one of the most respected university training programs for ergonomics, and at <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~tja> has extensive information, tools, and lectures. **Cornell University's Alan Hedge** has an active ergonomics program, with reports posted on graduate student projects and evaluation of ergonomic products at <http://ergo.human.cornell.edu>. **The University of Virginia** has ergonomics training and resources at <http://keats.admin.virginia.edu/ergo/home.html>.

A download of an interesting ergonomics software program developed by Battelle Labs for the Dept. of Energy called **ErgoEaser** is available for free. The program lets you input measurements of workstations and operators to help analyze computer workstations and lifting. <http://hss.energy.gov/ergoeaser/download.html>

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society is the main professional association in ergonomics. <http://www.hfes.org>

CTD News Monthly Newsletter homepage. <http://www.ctdnews.com>

User and injured workers groups include lots of links and info from injured workers at the **Typing Injury FAQ** at <http://www.tifaq.com>, and **RSI/UK** Information about Repetitive Stress Injuries (RSI) originating from the UK, with information gathered from sources around the globe <http://www.rsi-uk.org.uk>. The **Job Stress Network** web page is dedicated to increasing communication among researchers and others interested in job stress and its impact on health. <http://www.workhealth.org>

Usernomics Ergonomics is a commercial site around disability and usability issues. <http://www.usernomics.com> **IBM's** website on computer ergonomics is at <http://www.pc.ibm.com/ww/healthycomputing/index.html>, **Medical Multimedia Group** has patient education materials with good graphics and explanations. <http://www.medicalmultimedialogroup.com>