# Reliable OSH Resources on the Internet

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### Overview

- The Internet Challenge
- What are you looking for?
- World Wide Web
  - Sources of information
  - Reliable sites
- E-mail-based discussion groups
- Evaluating what you have found



# The Challenge?

### Finding:

Useful and reliable information that you can trust

... and finding it fast!

# What are you looking for?

- Topic-based information
- Chemical information
- Legislation, legislative interpretation
- Policies, procedures, guidelines
- Research
- Advice, feedback, employment opportunities

## Sources of Information

- Search engines
- Directories
- "Reliable web sites"
- Discussion groups

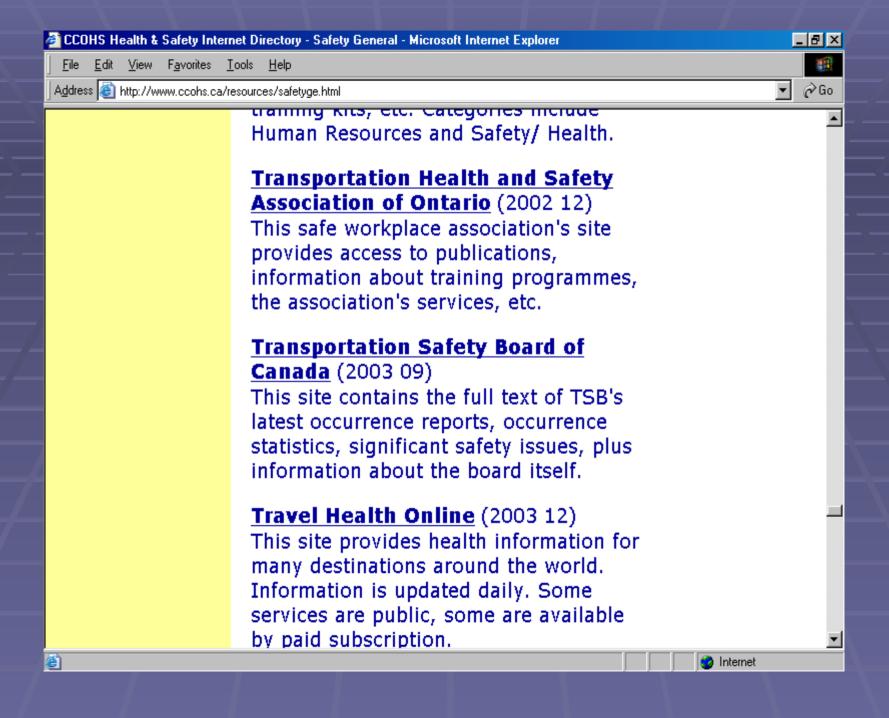
### Directories

- Directories
  - Listings by topic, compiled by humans
  - Main access is by browsing topics
  - Some searching possible, but just site names and some have brief descriptions – not content

# Types of Directories

- general purpose directories organized by subject provide access to Internet sites -e.g. Yahoo! (www.yahoo.com), Open Directory (dmoz.org)
- H&S-specific directories provide access to sites containing H&S information
  - www.ccohs.ca/resources/hshome.html
  - www.oshweb.me.tut.fi



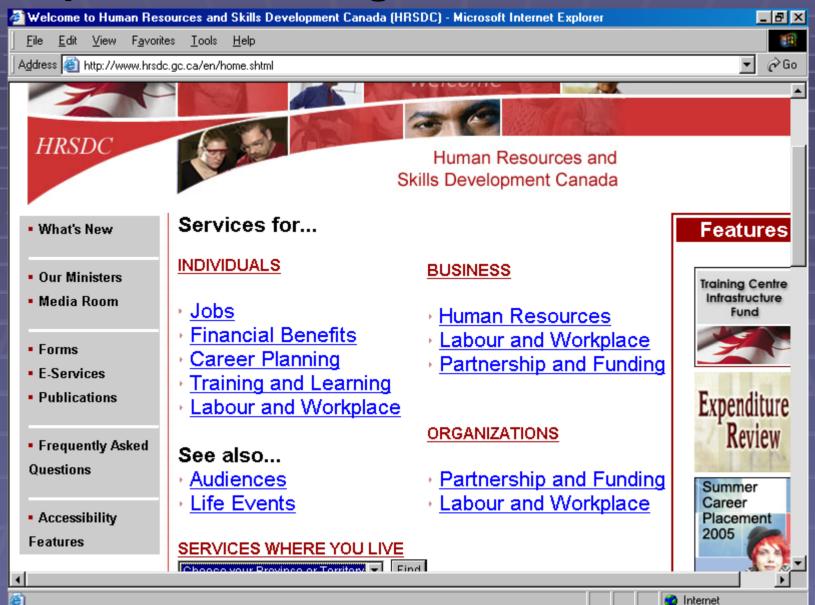


# Reliable web sites...

# http://www.canoshweb.org/en/



### http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/home.shtml





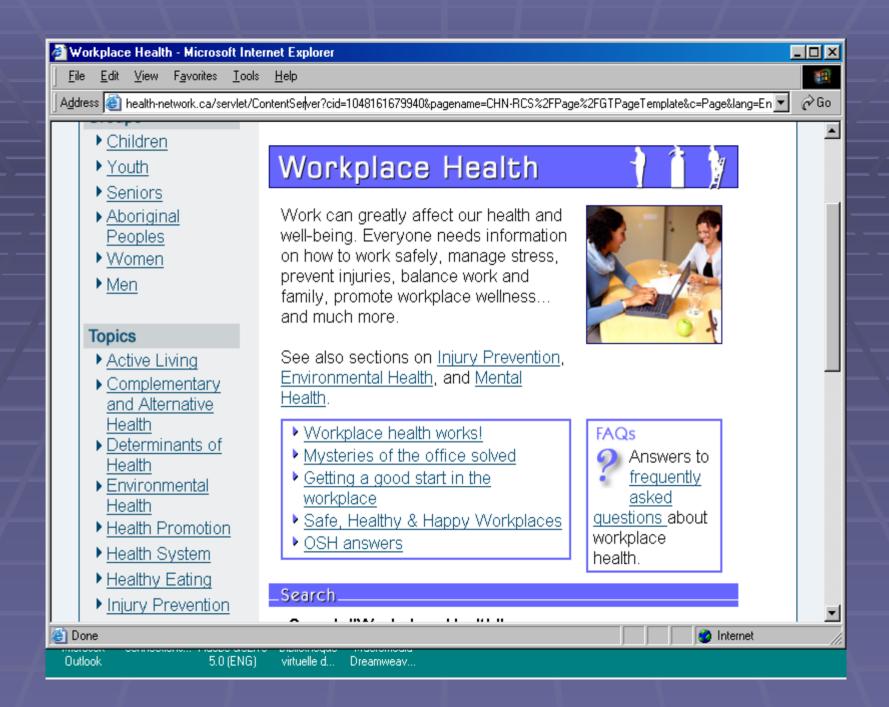


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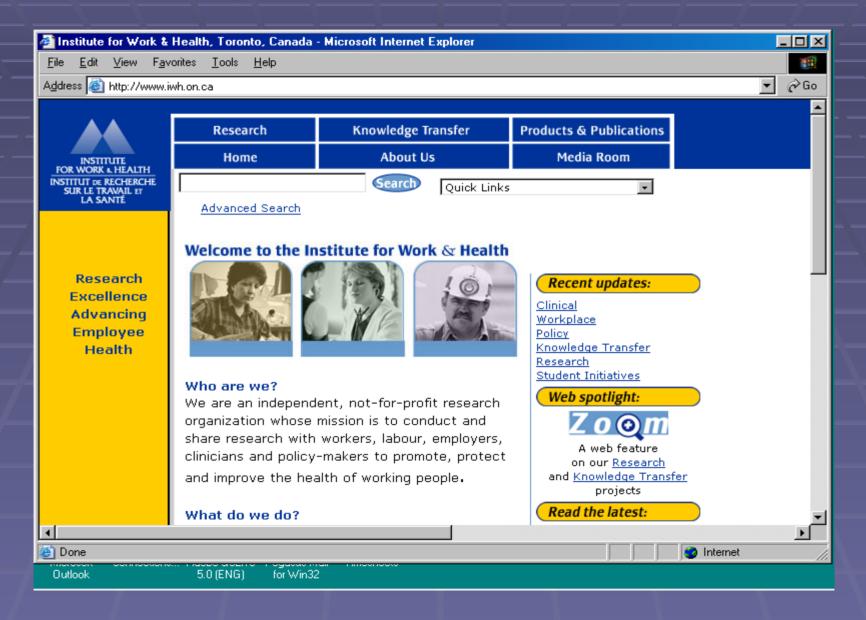


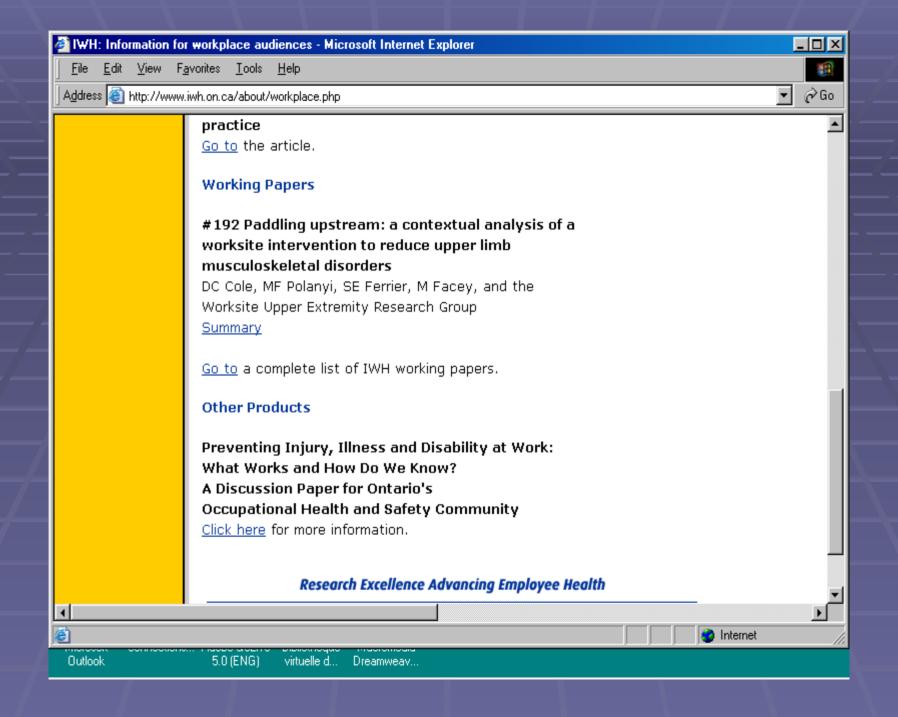
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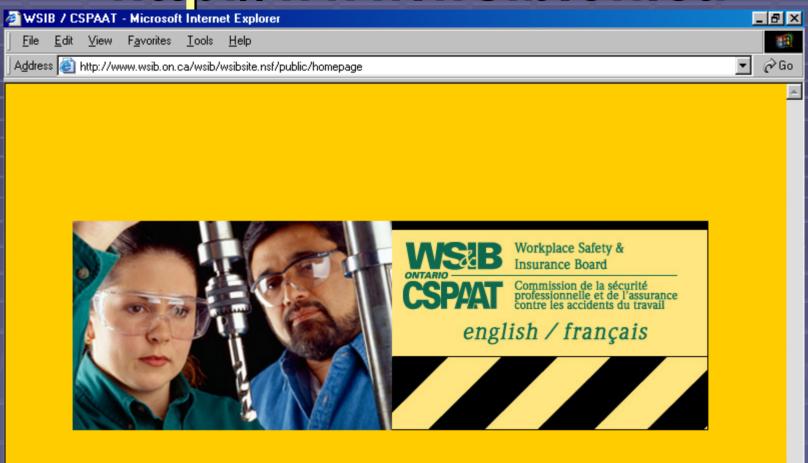


# http://www.iwh.on.ca



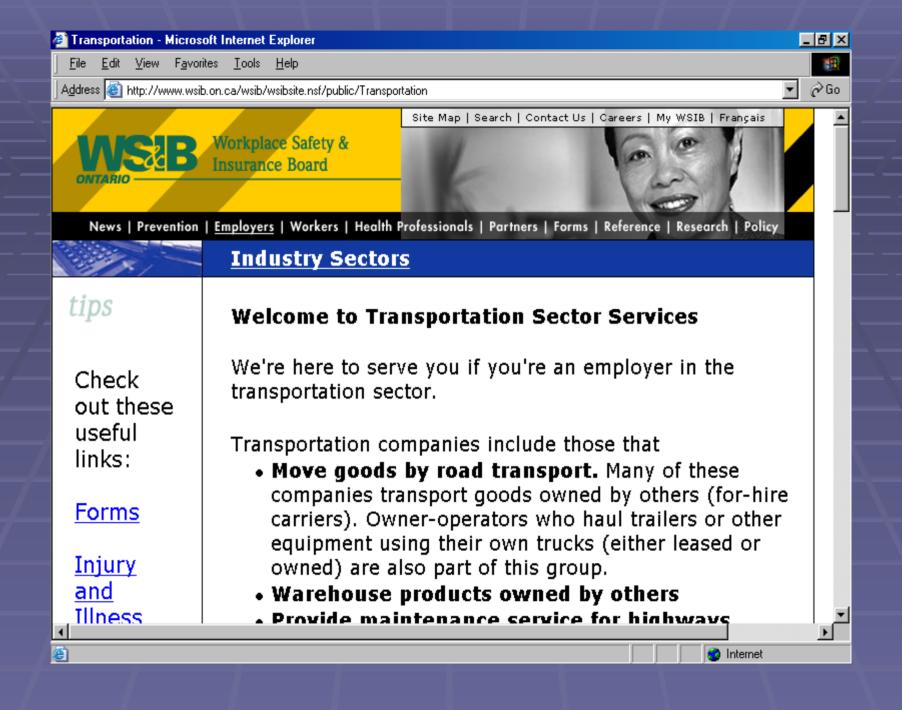


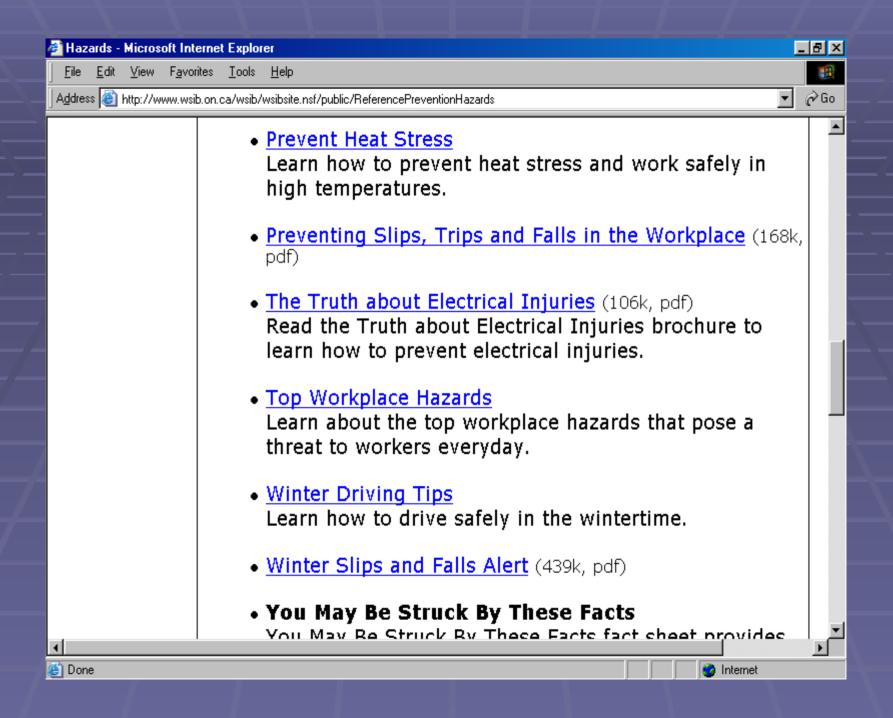
# http://www.wsib.on.ca









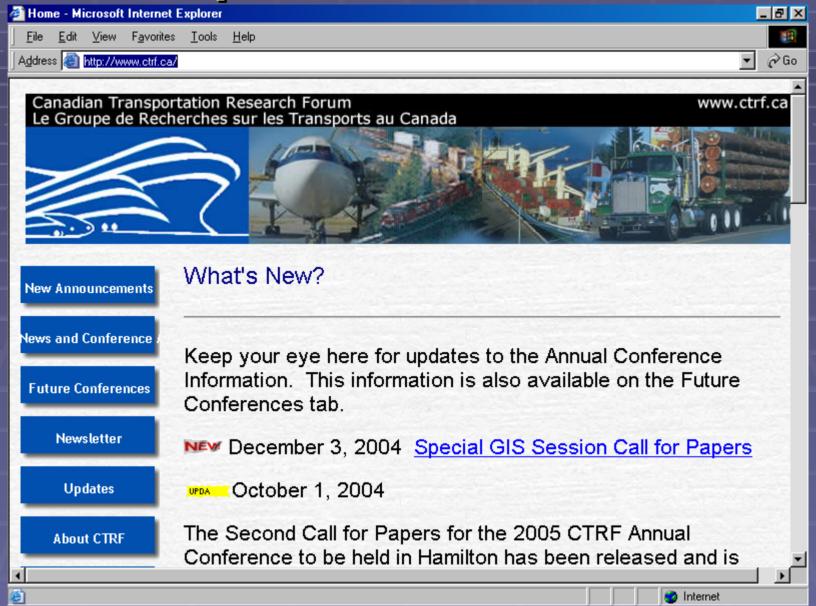


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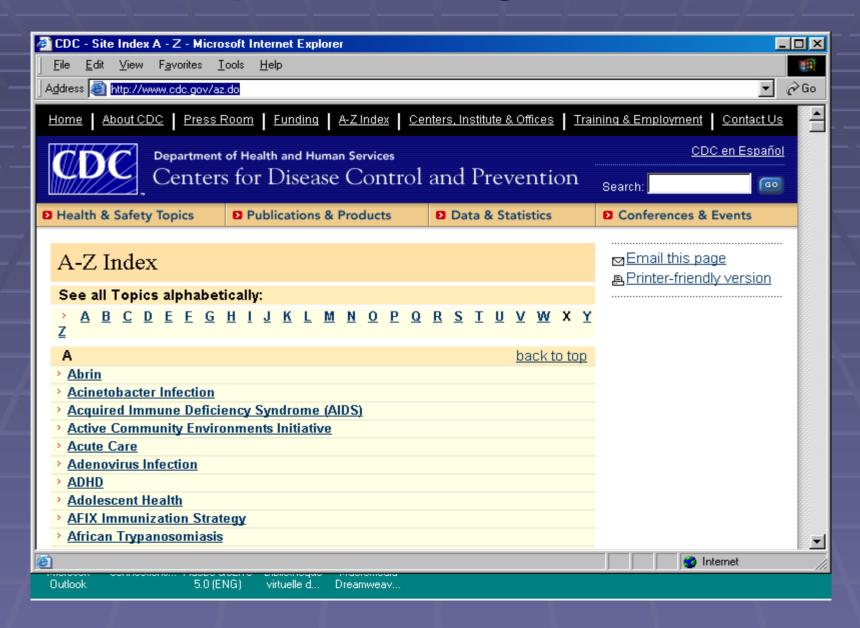
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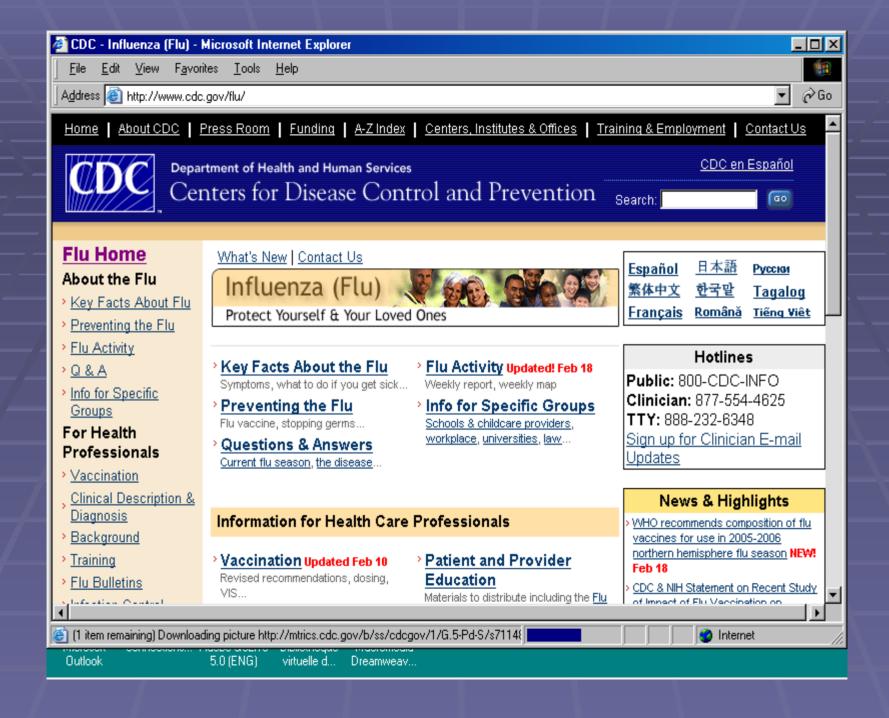


### http://www.caw.ca/whatwedo/health&safety/



### http://www.cdc.gov/az.do

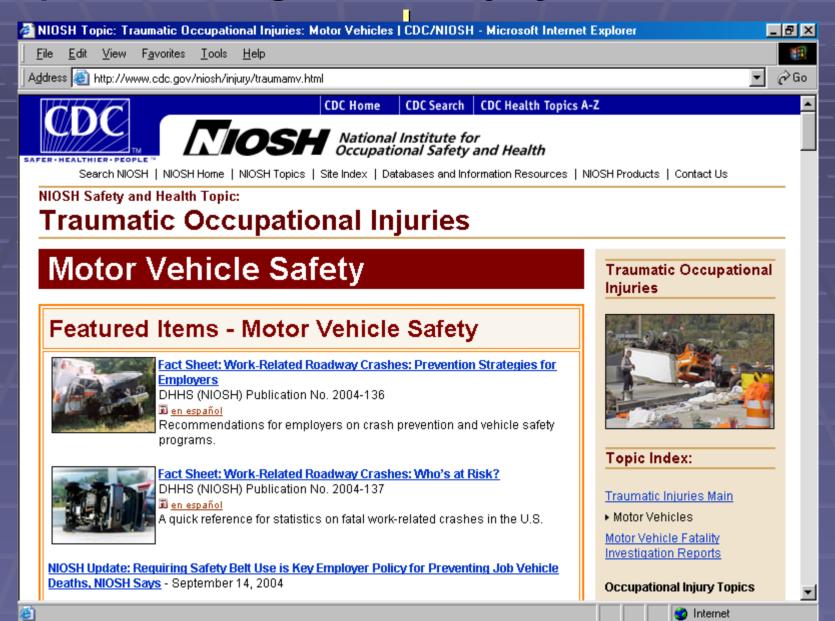




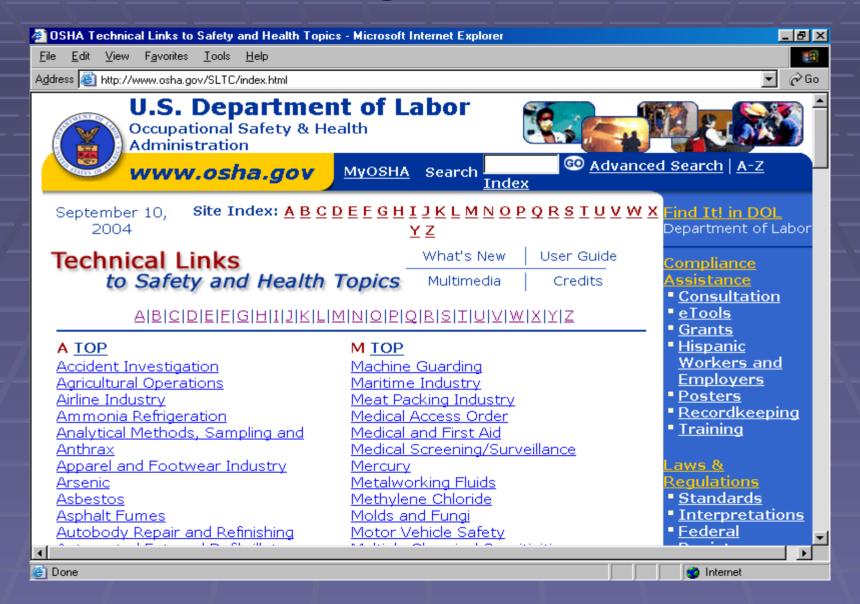
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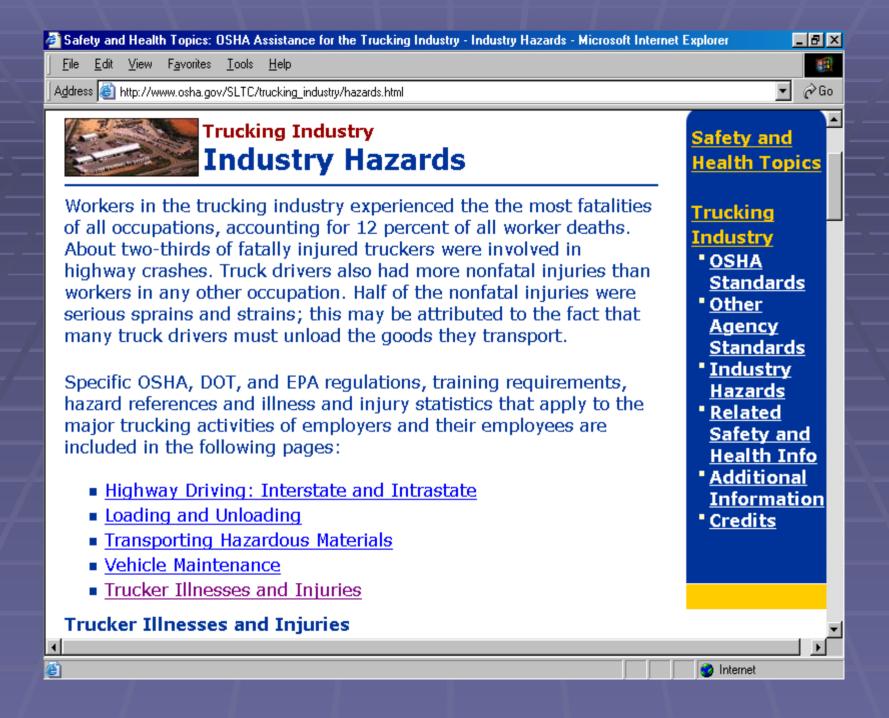


### http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/injury/traumamv.htm

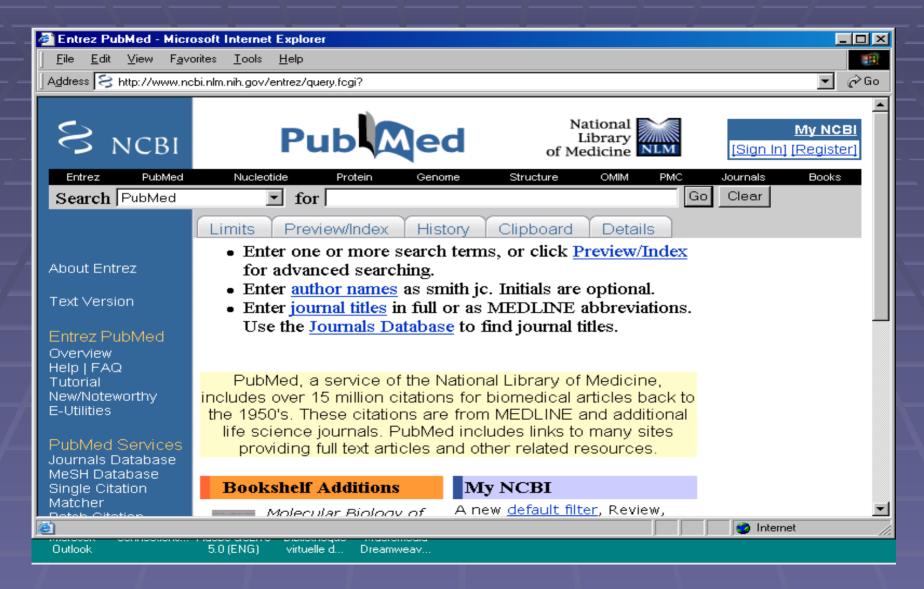


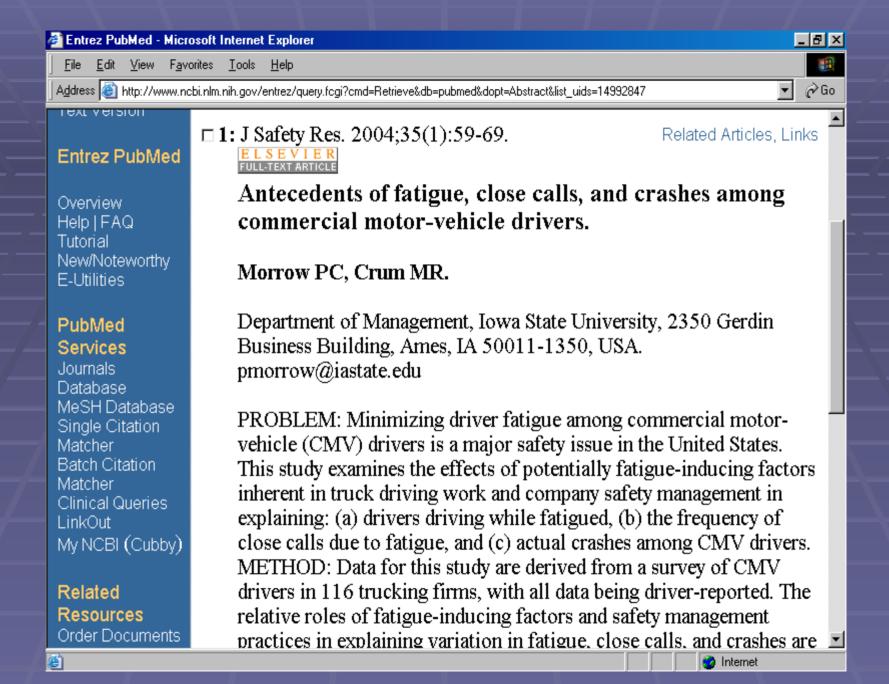
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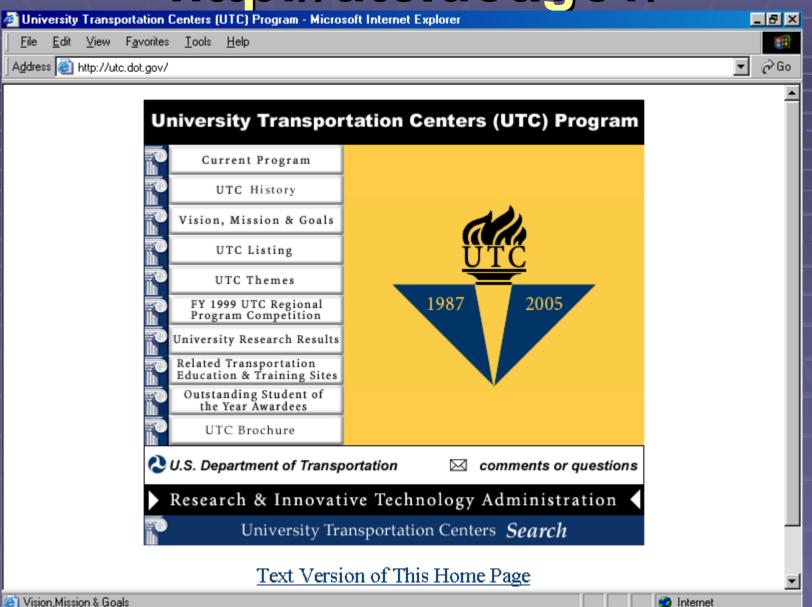


### http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?

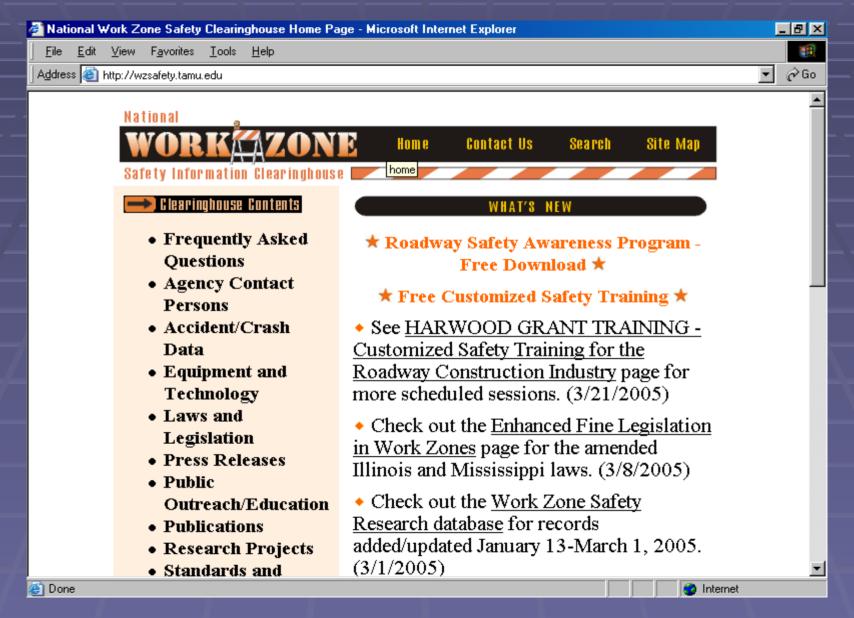




# http://utc.dot.gov/



## http://wzsafety.tamu.edu/



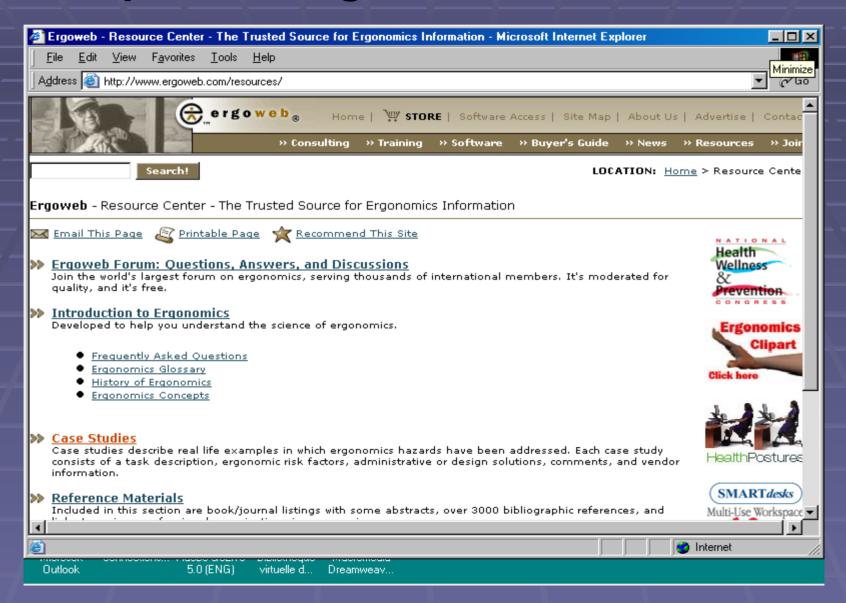
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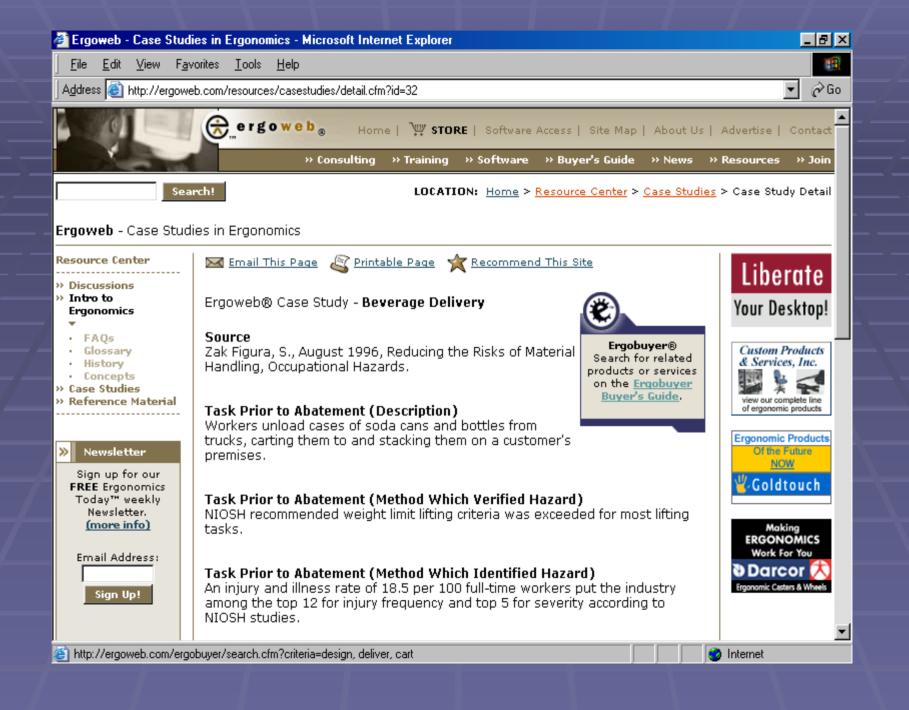


#### http://ergo.human.cornell.edu/cutools.html



#### http://www.ergoweb.com/resources/





## http://www.libertymutual.com/

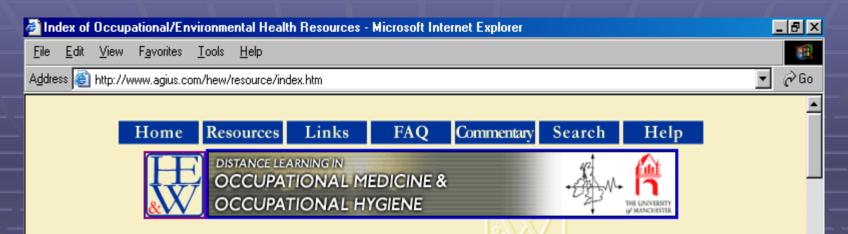


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http://www.libertymutual.com/

## http://agency.osha.eu.int





#### **Index of Educational Resources:**

#### Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Health

Please use the alphabetical index below to find an educational resource on this website. (If you cannot find what you want in the alphabetical index below, try the <u>search</u> facility.) More detailed resources for students of the <u>University of Manchester</u> are being developed at the <u>Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health</u> (COEH) and will be made available to students (and other subscribers) of the COEH in due course.

#### A BCD E F GHI J KLM NO PQ R S TU V WX Y Z

#### Α

- Air Pollutants and Asthma
- Air Quality and Health (Learn from data of the past, today & future)
- Air Pollution and Health Research
- Arthropods of significance in environmental health



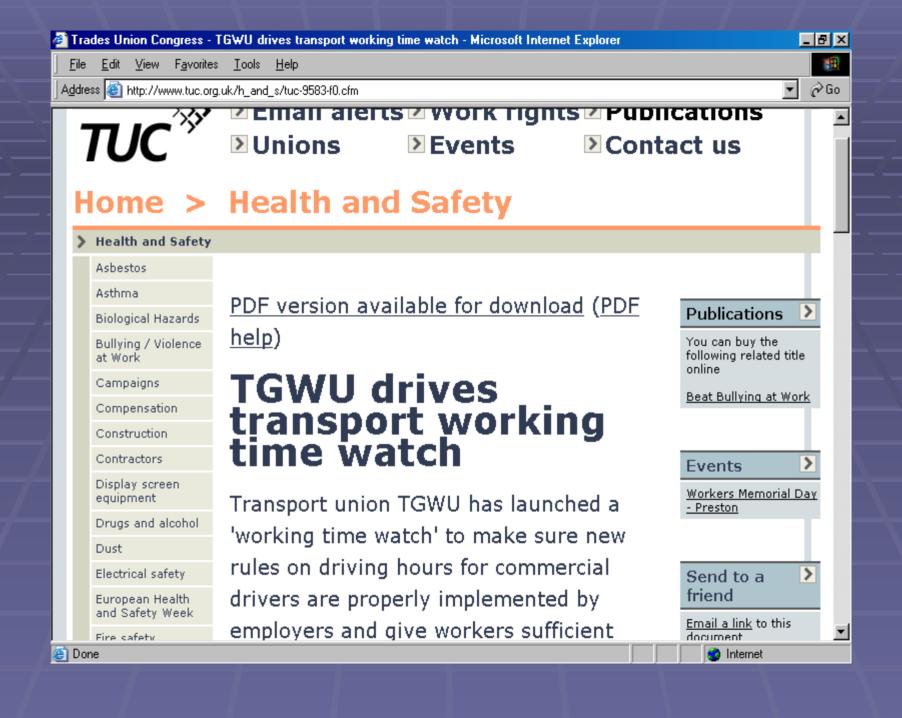


#### http://oshweb.me.tut.fi/index.html

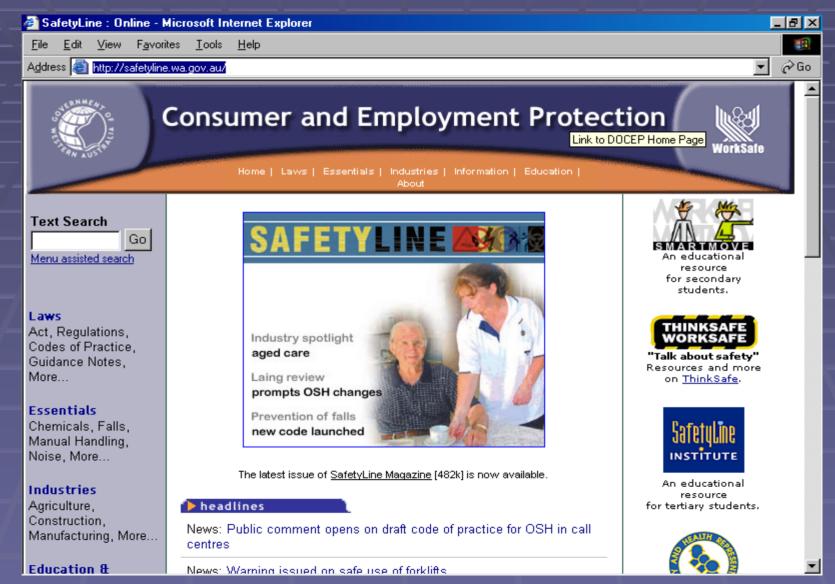


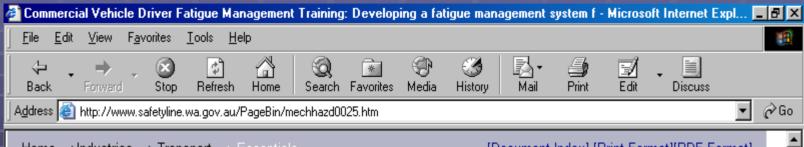
## http://www.tuc.org.uk





## http://safetyline.wa.gov.au/





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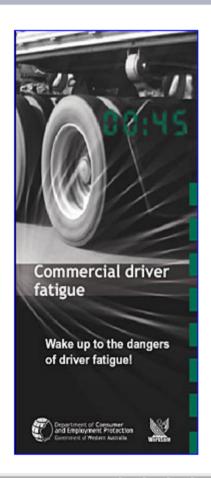
[Document Index] [Print Format][PDF Format]

After reading the information contained in Developing a Fatigue Management System for Commercial Vehicle Drivers and Operators in W.A. and completing the questions, you should be able to:

- explain the basic principles of managing fatigue contained in the draft Code of Practice for Fatigue Management for Commercial Vehicle Drivers;
- state the principles used in planning a company Fatigue Management System;
- explain the importance that driver well-being has on work performance and fatigue; and
- explain the importance of knowing the correct procedures and the importance of training and dealing with critical incidents.

This document can be downloaded as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file [120].

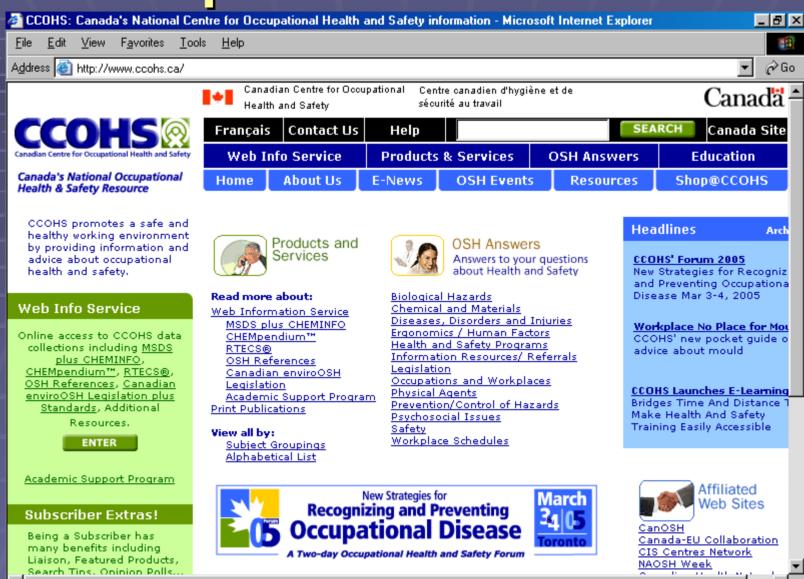
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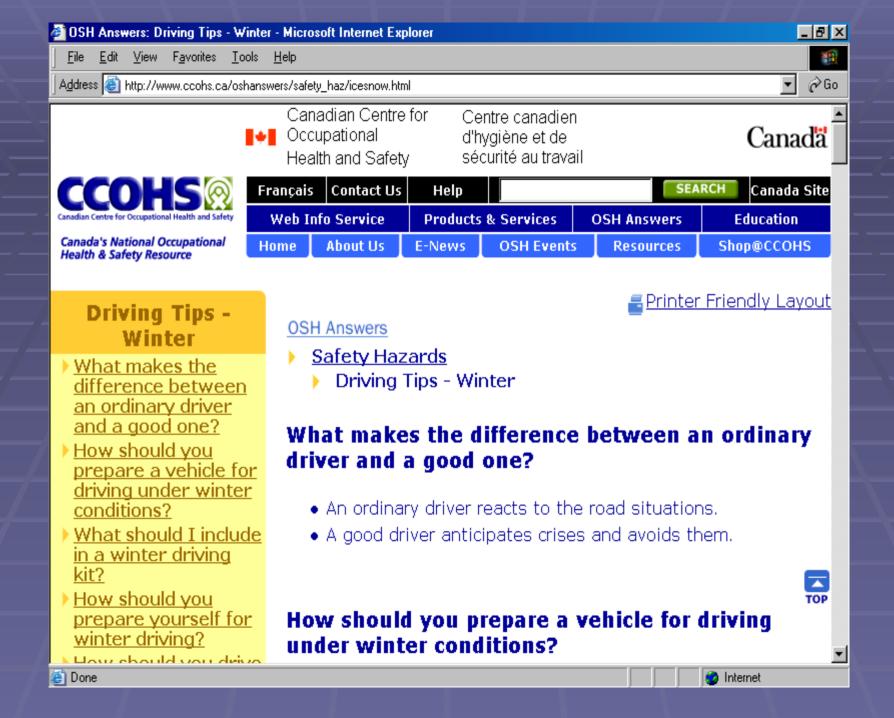


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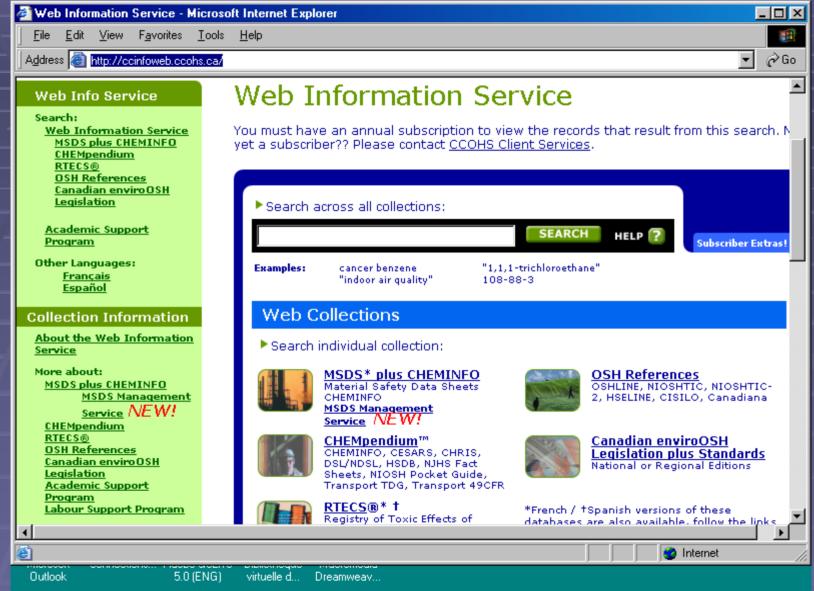


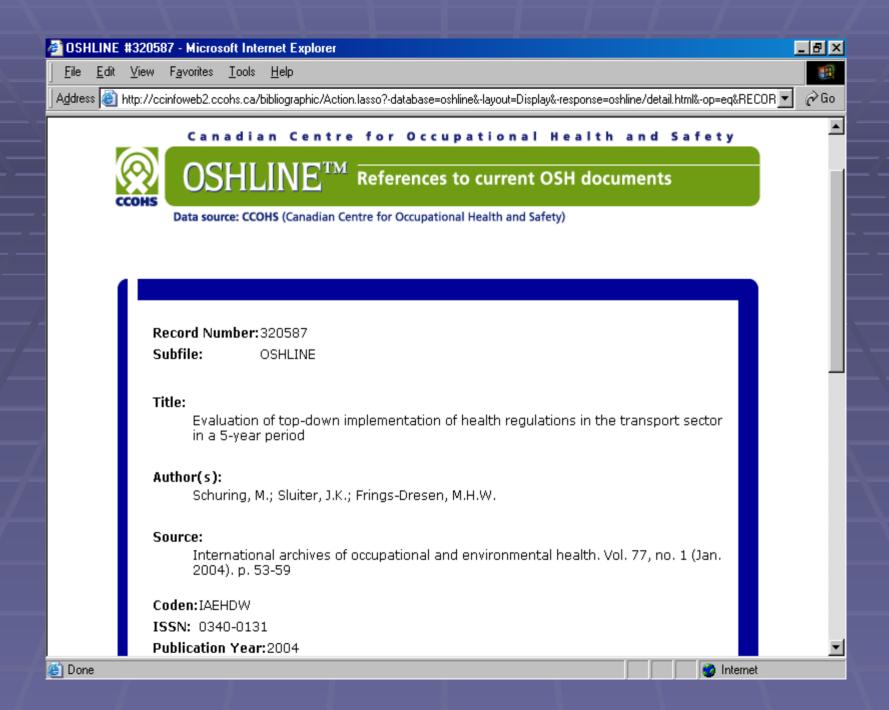
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#### http://ccinfoweb.ccohs.ca/





#### Mailing Lists

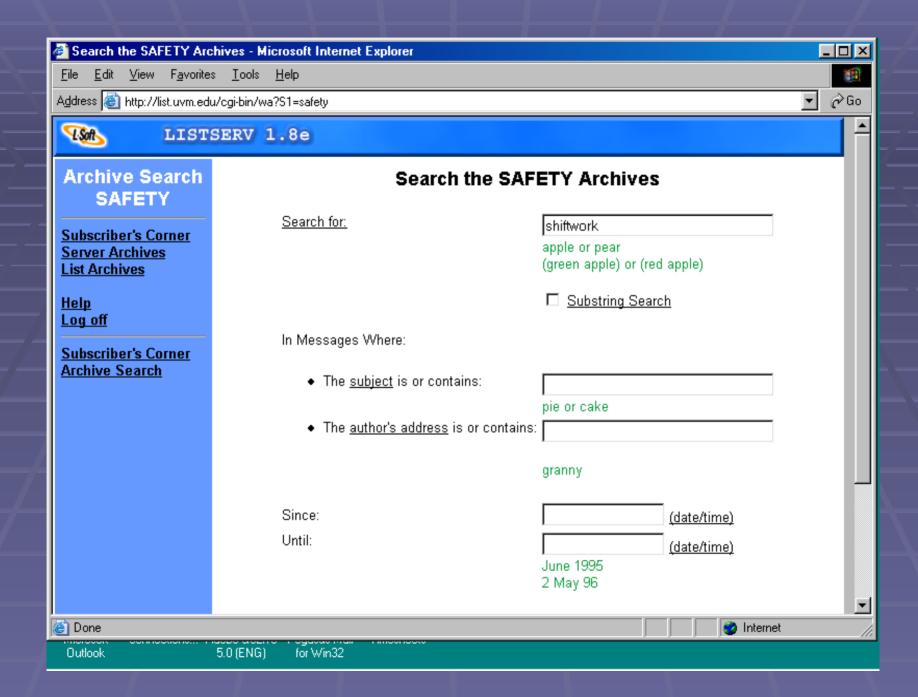
- E-mail based discussion groups
- Uses
  - Daily Conferencing with Peers
  - Problem Solving
  - News on Hot Issues
  - Announcements of Internet information sources
  - Job postings

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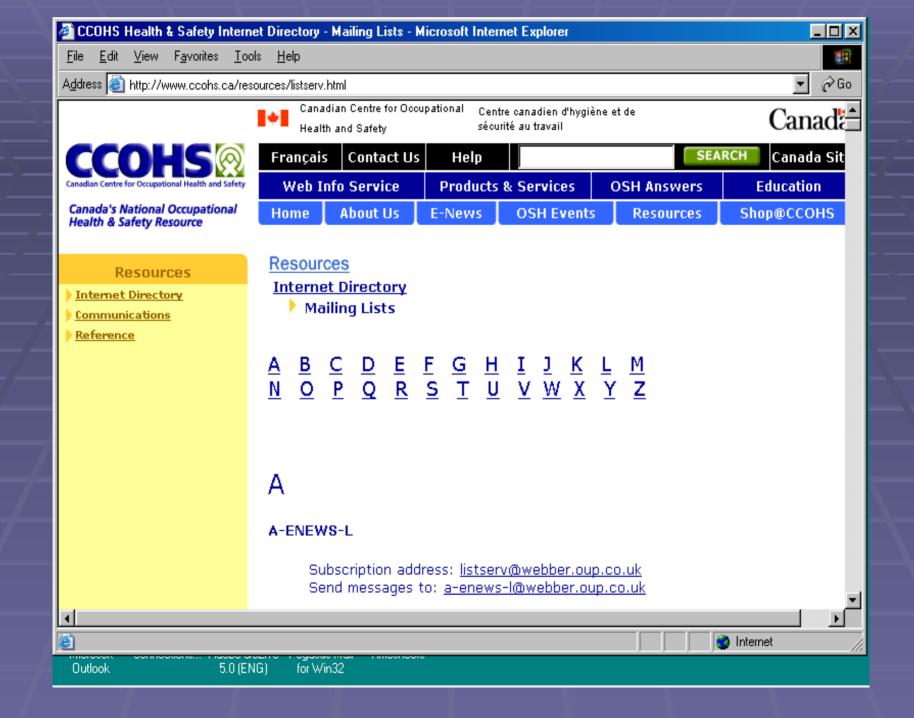
- HS-Canada (CCOHS)
- Safety (University of Vermont)
- DOT, Hazmat-L (Colorado)
  - & thousands more to choose from....

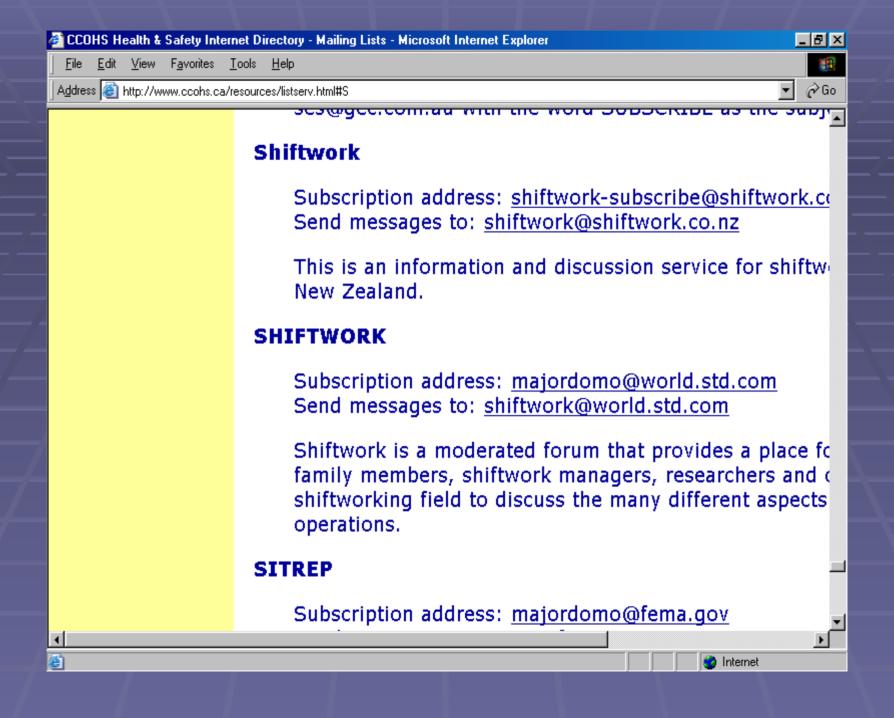
## Mailing List Archives

- View all messages that have been sent to a specific list
- Search by subject
- Generally available whether you participate in the list or not



# Where to find other discussion groups...





#### Professional Concerns

- Reliable
  Is the resource accessible when you need it?
- Authoritative Reasoned, verifiable information?
- Current
- Accurate

## **Evaluating Web Information**

- Who wrote it?
- Who published it (web site, print publisher)?
- Is there obvious bias?
- Are there referrals to other sources?
- Can the information be verified? (references, contact info., etc.)
- How current is it?

(Johns Hopkins University)

## Evaluating Information from Discussion Groups

- Very dependent on the type of question
- If you ask for advice or people's opinions, treat the responses as such
- If someone makes a statement, verify it independently (e.g. what a specific piece of legislation says, which issue of a journal a particular article appeared in)

## Evaluating Information from Discussion Groups (cont'd)

- Is the author identifiable
  - Signature file on his/her message credentials, employment
  - Frequent contributor of good information
- Are statements publicly supported or refuted?

#### For more information

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