# Using the Internet to Find OH&S Resources

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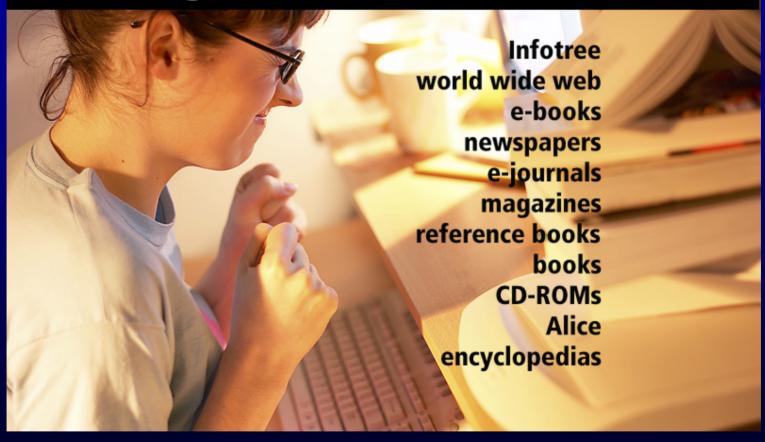
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### **Overview**

- The Internet challenge
- Types of information
- Reliable sites
- Discussion groups, blogs
- Evaluating what you find
- Citing Internet documents



# **Suffering from Information Overload?**





# 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, jobs

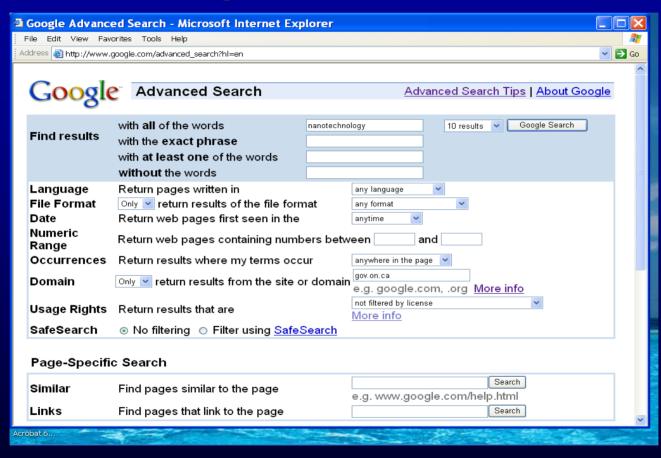


### **Sources of Information**

- Search engines
- Directories
- "Reliable" web sites
- E-mail discussion groups & blogs



## **Google Domain Search**





### **Directories**

- Listings by topic, compiled by subject experts
- No content, just links to web sites, some brief description
- Good starting point for research



## **Types of Directories**

### General purpose

Google

www.google.com/Top/Health/Occupational\_Health
and\_Safety/

Open Directory project

www.dmoz.org



## **Open Directory H&S**





### Directories cont'd

**H&S** directories

OSH Links

www.ccohs.ca/resources/hshome.html

Internet resources for MSDSs

www.ilpi.com/msds/index.html



### **CCOHS' OSH Links**





# Web Site Tour ...



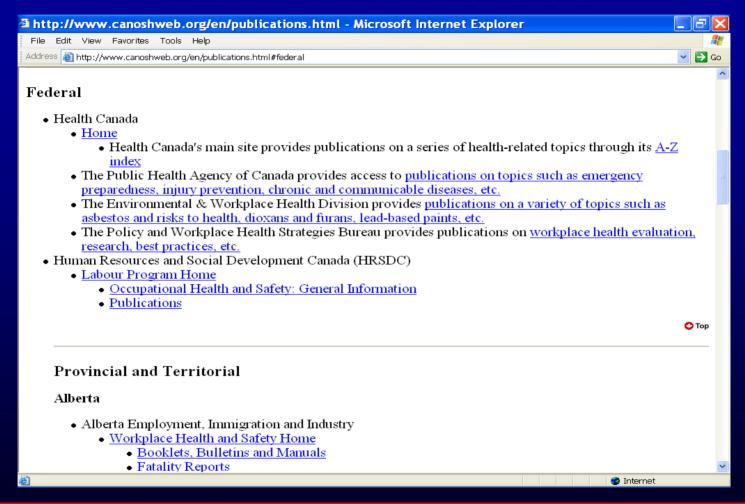


### http://www.canoshweb.org/en/





#### **CanOSH Federal Publications**





# Health Canada http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/index\_e.html





# Pandemic Influenza Portal http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/index\_e.html





# It's Your Health http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/iyh-vsv/index\_e.html





# Public Health Agency of Canada http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/



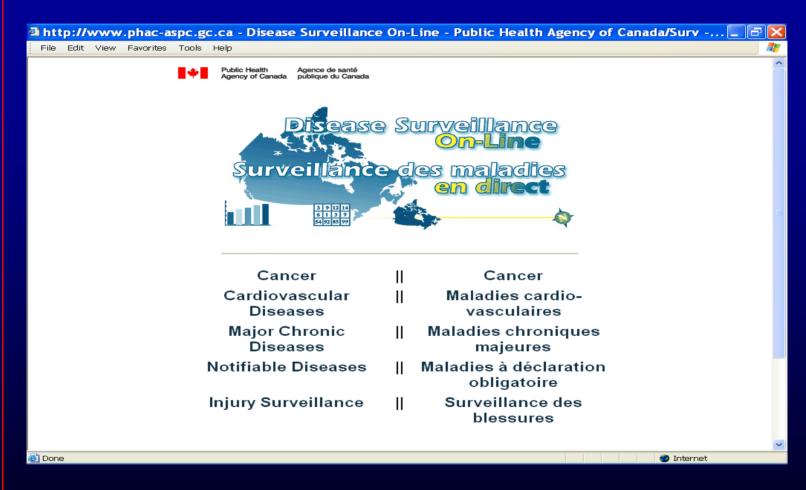


#### http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/



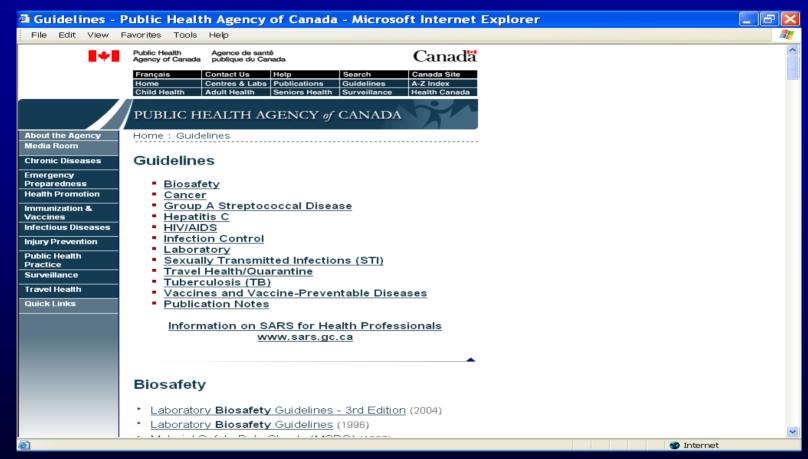


### **Online Surveillance Tools**



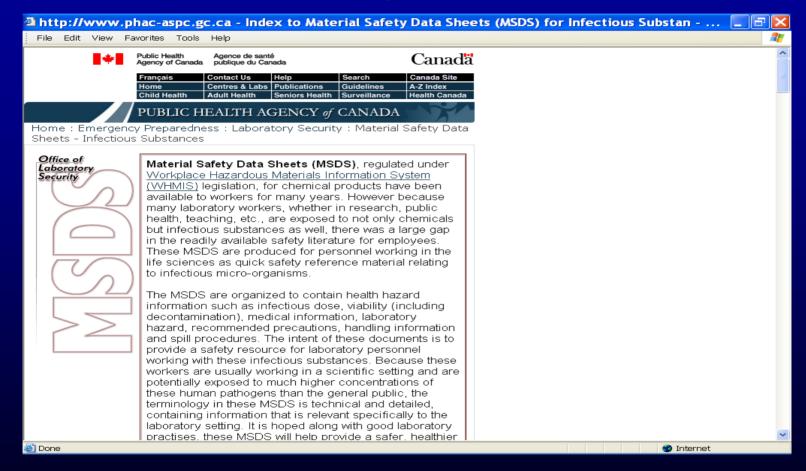


# PHAC Guidelines http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dpg\_e.html



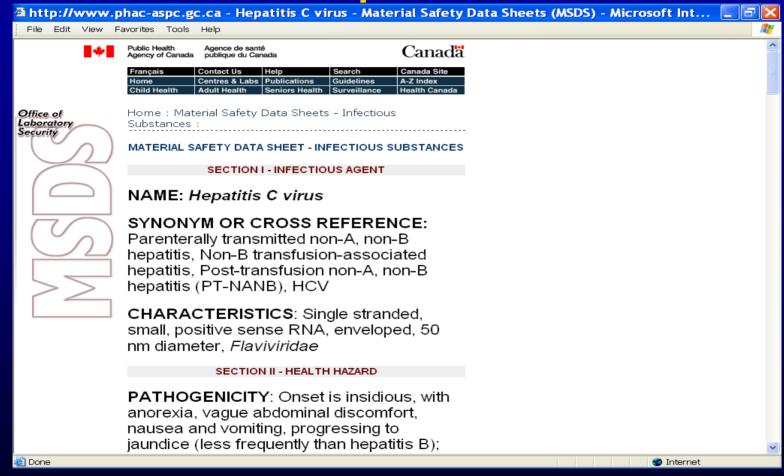


# MSDSs - Infectious Substances http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/msds-ftss/index.html



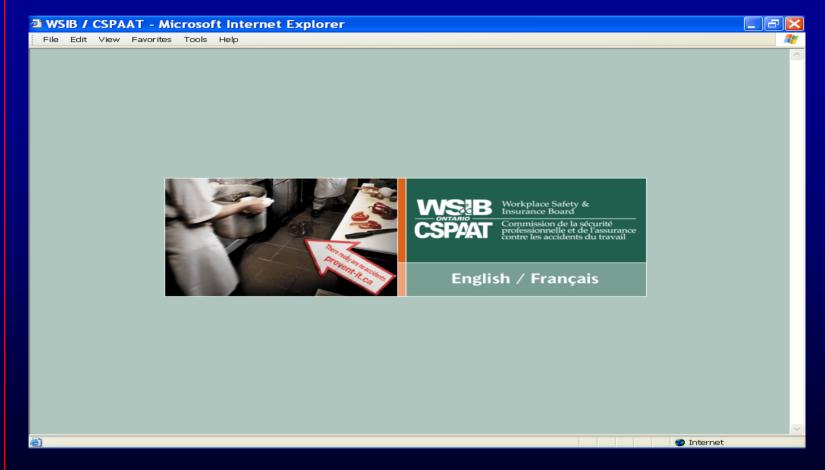


### **MSDS** – Hepatitis C virus



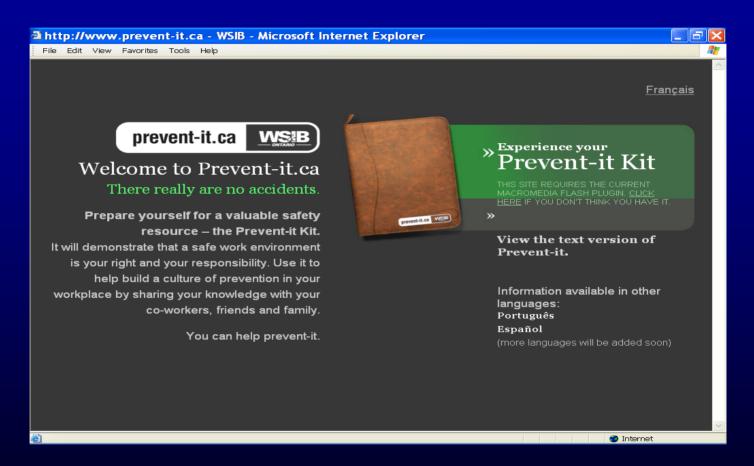


### http://www.wsib.on.ca/



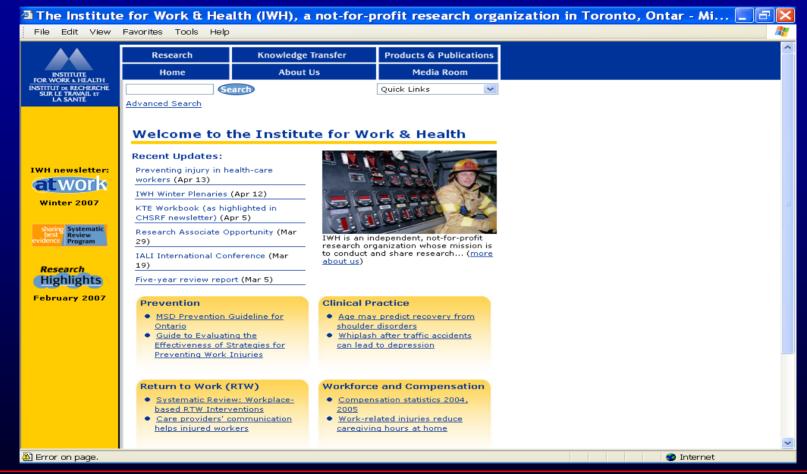


### prevent-it.ca



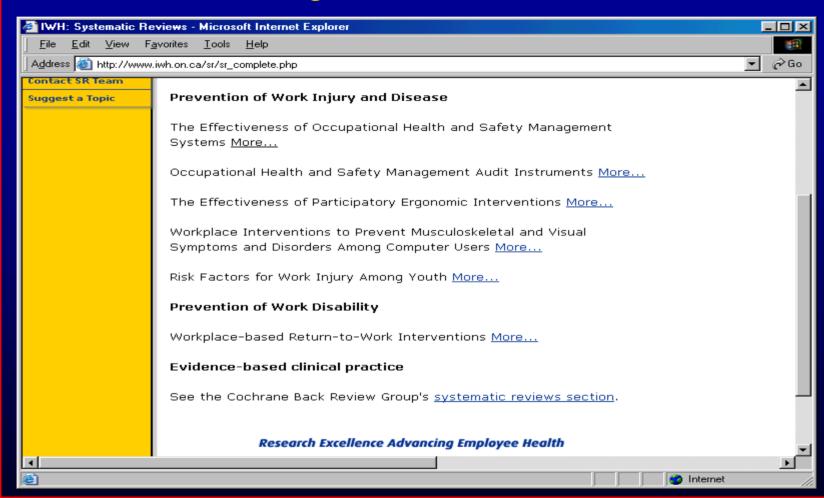


# Institute for Work & Health http://www.iwh.on.ca





### **IWH Systematic Reviews**





# IRSST (Québec) http://www.irsst.qc.ca/en/find-a-publication.html



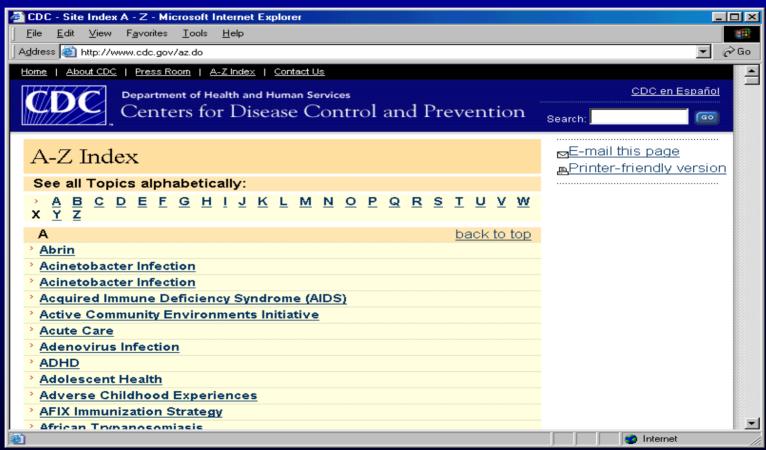


## http://www.caw.ca/





### Centers for Disease Control http://www.cdc.gov/az.do





# http://www.pandemicflu.gov/

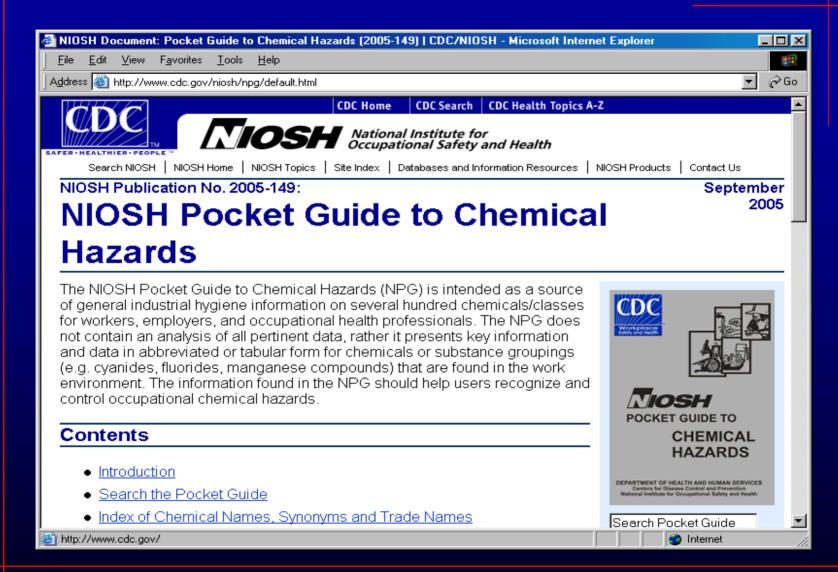




# http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/

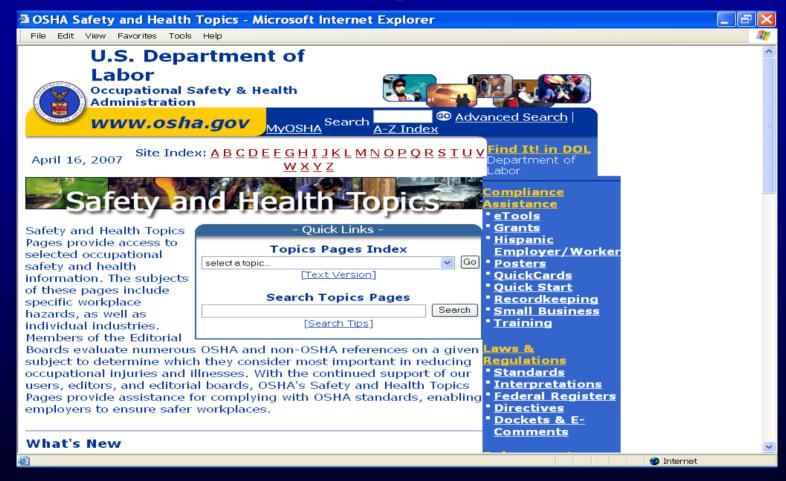






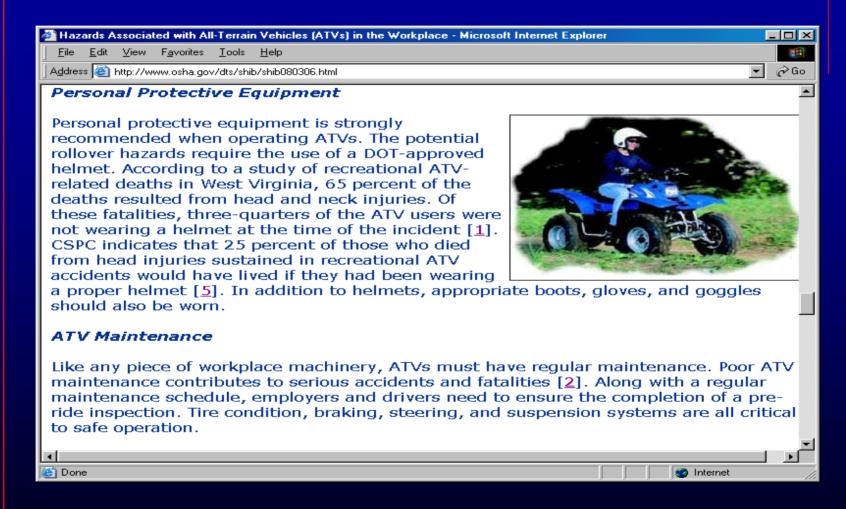


# OSHA http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/index.html





#### **OSHA Info Bulletins**



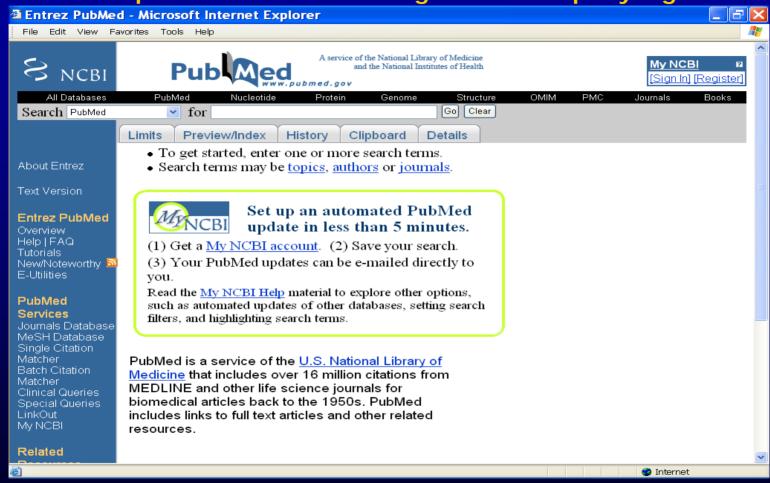


## **OSHA Training Tools**

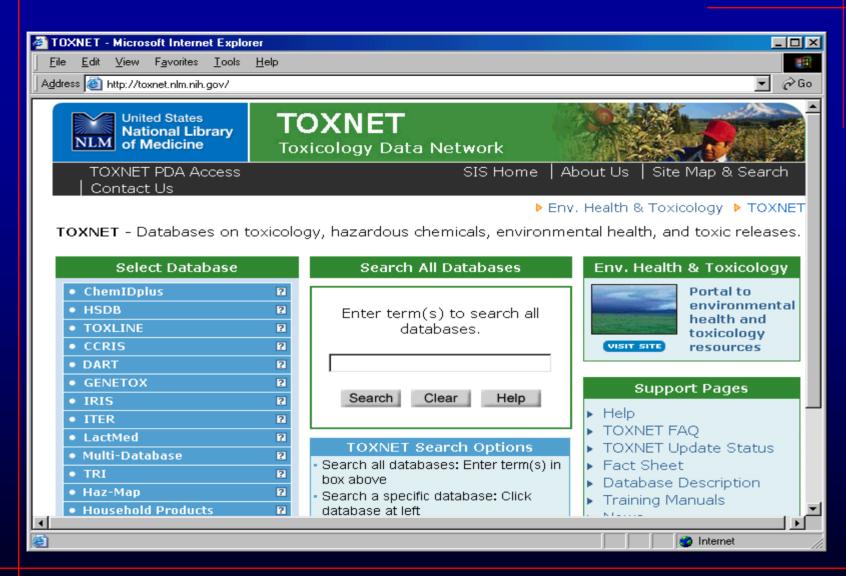




#### National Library of Medicine http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi









## **Haz-Map Database**

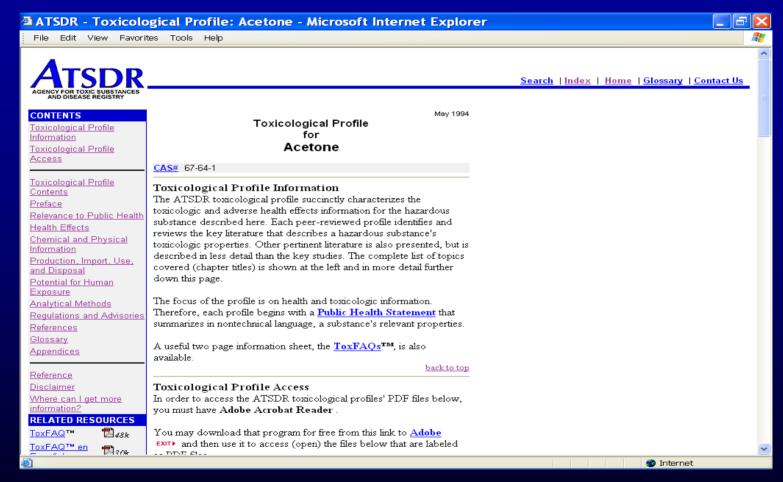






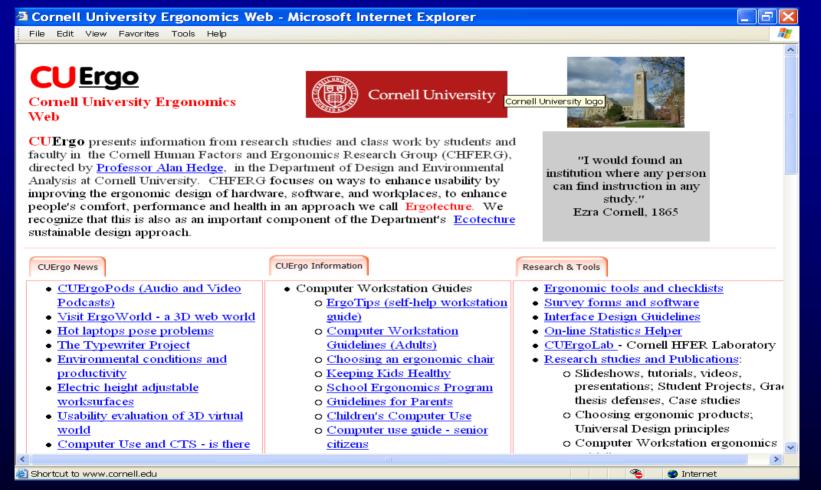


## Tox Profiles from ATSDR http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/



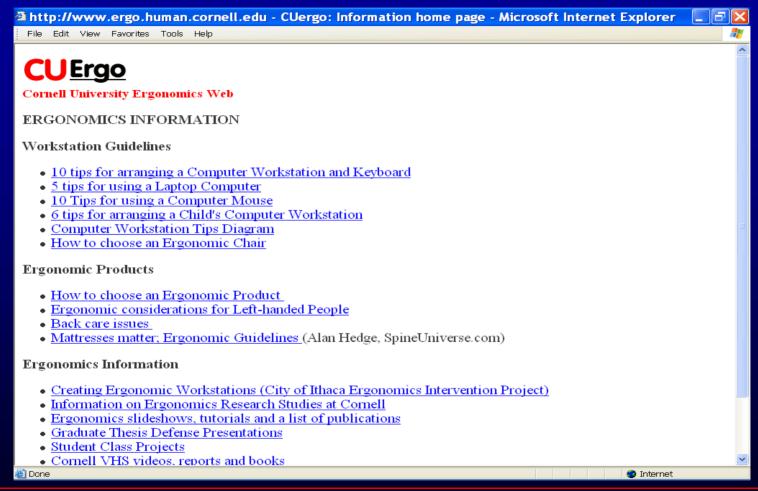


## Cornell Ergonomics Web http://ergo.human.cornell.edu/



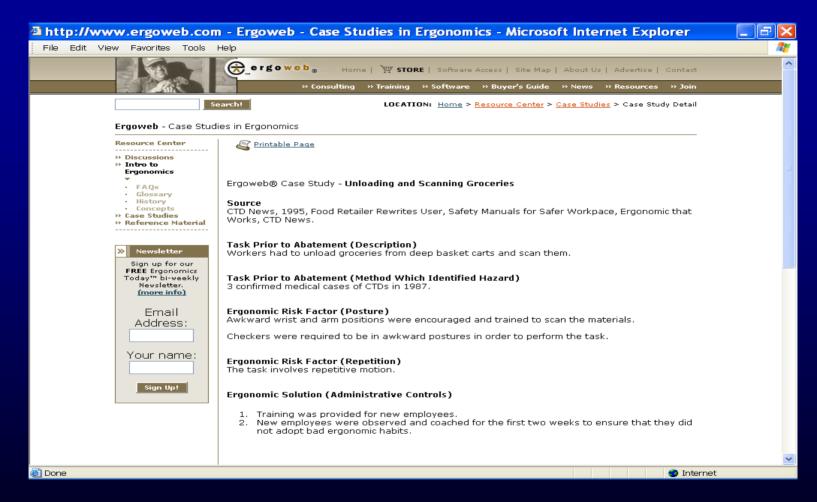


#### Cornell U. Ergo Resources





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



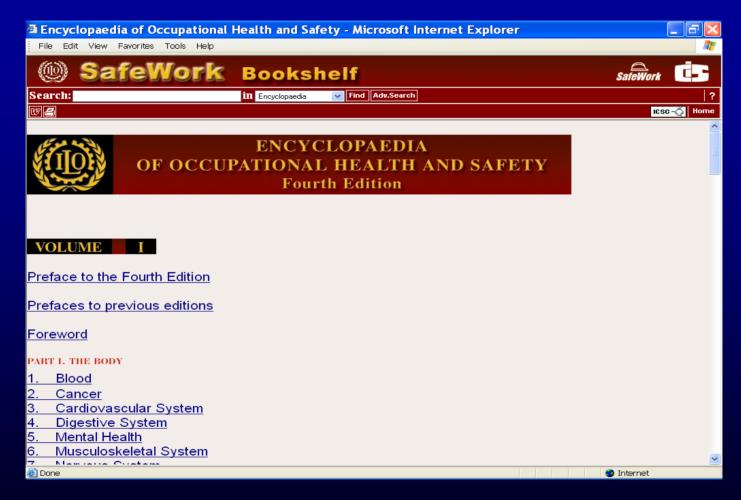


## http://medlineplus.gov/



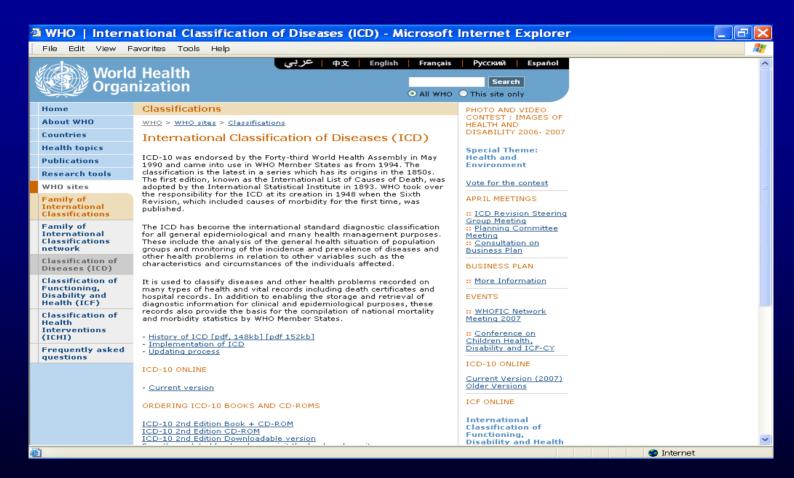


#### http://www.ilo.org/encyclopedia/



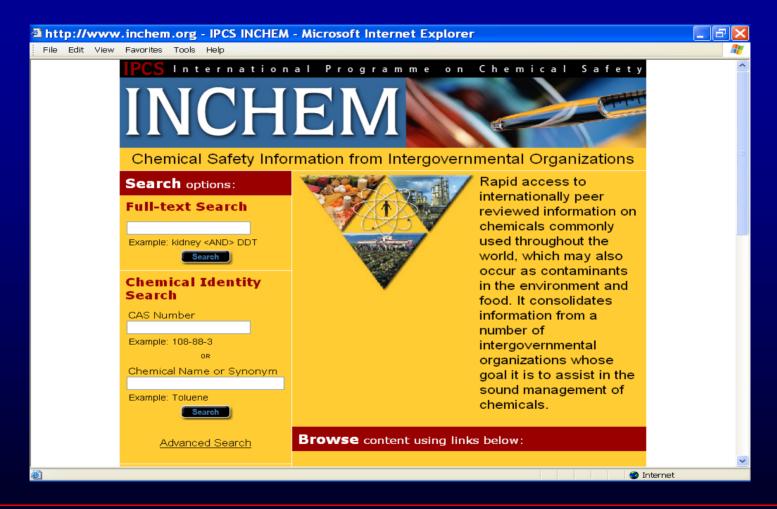


## http://www.who.int/en/



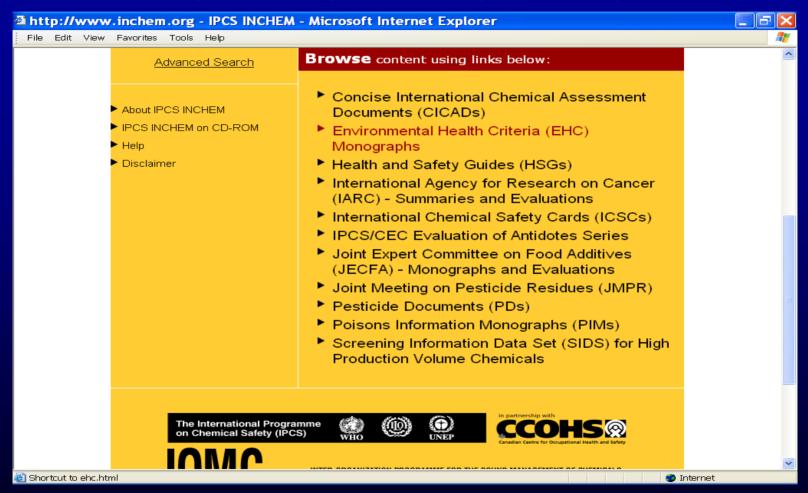


## http://www.inchem.org/



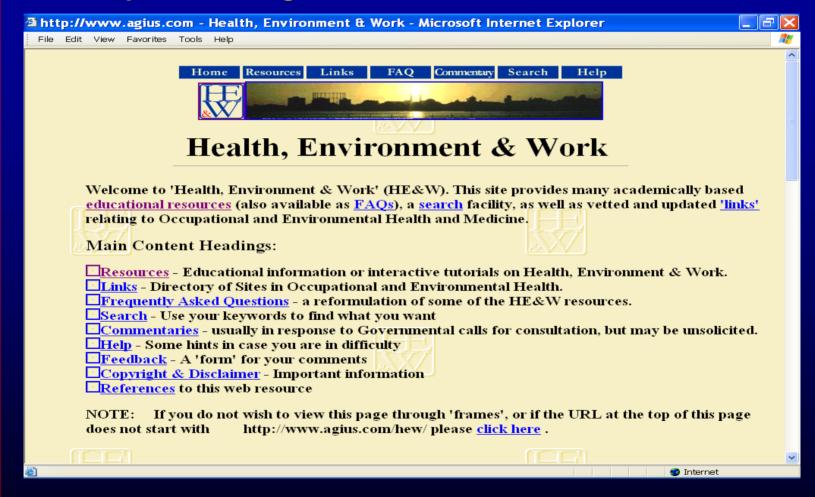


### EHCs, IARC, ICSCs, PIMS, etc.



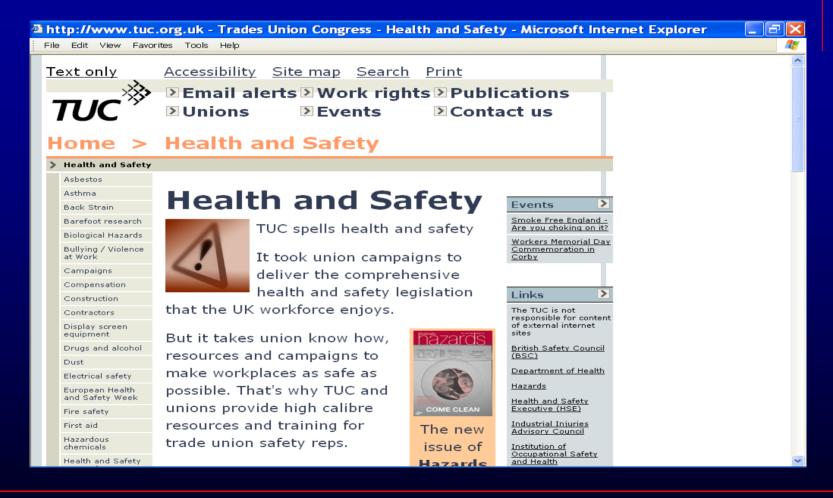


#### University of Manchester http://www.agius.com/hew/resource/index.htm



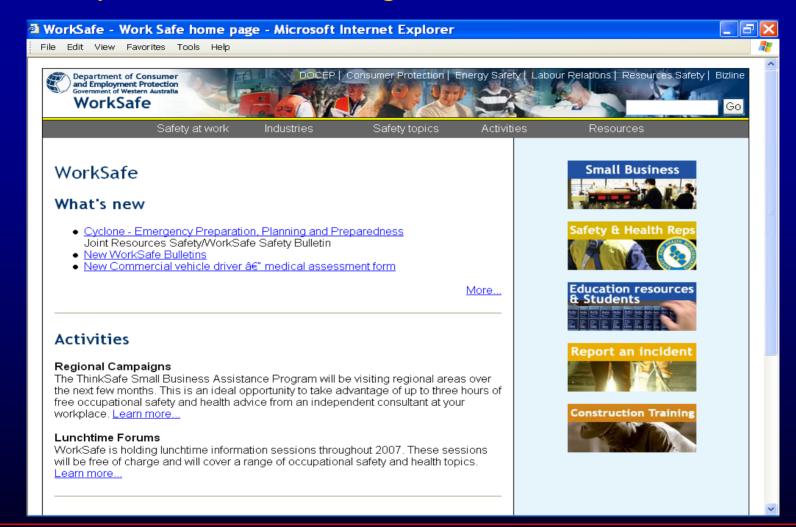


## http://www.tuc.org.uk





#### http://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au/newsite/worksafe/

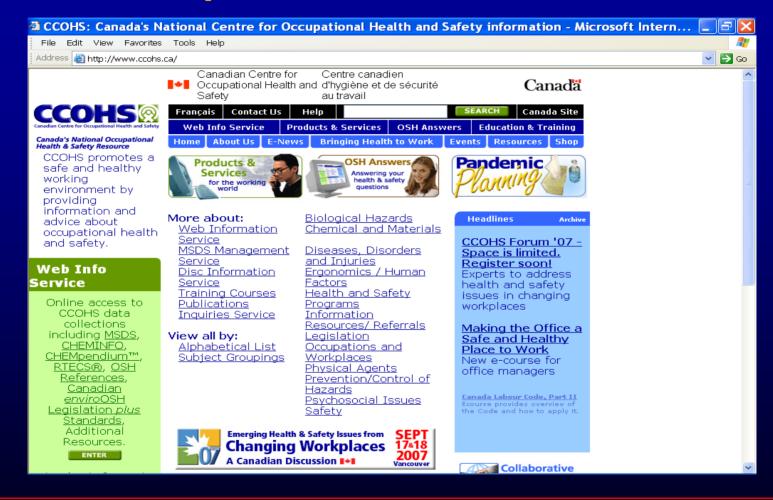






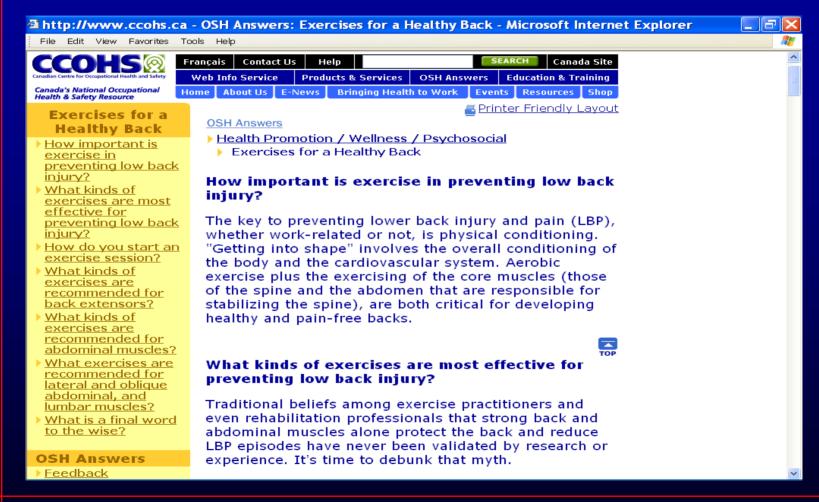


## http://www.ccohs.ca/





#### **OSH Answers**





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





## **Pandemic Planning Portal**





## **Bringing Health to Work**





## **H&S Discussion Groups**

- HS-Canada (CCOHS)
- Safety (U. of Vermont)
- Occ-Env-Med-L (Duke University)

& thousands more to choose from...



## **Mailing List Archives**

- View all messages sent to a specific list
- Search by subject
- Generally available whether or not you belong to the list



## http://siri.org/



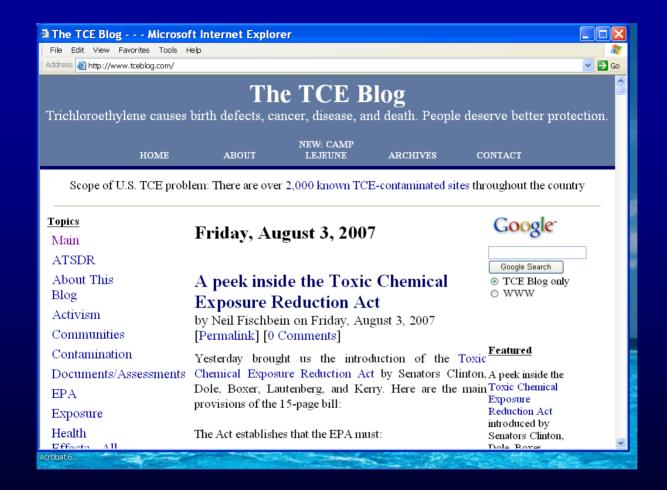


## **Blogs**

- Internet journals (weblogs)
- Useful for current awareness
- May be editorial/opinion-based on topics of interest to blog author(s)
- Be careful to verify information derived from blogs
  - e.g. TCE (trichloroethylene) blog

www.tceblog.com







## **Evaluating Web Information**

- Who wrote it/published it?
- Can the information be verified?
- Is there obvious bias?
- Are there referrals to other sources?
- How current is it?

(John Hopkins University)



# **Evaluating Information from Discussion Groups**

- Depends upon type of question
- If asking for advice/opinion, treat responses as such
- Try to verify information given
  - e.g. check the legislation, a reference



# Evaluating Discussion Groups cont'd

- Is the author identifiable?
  - e.g. credentials, jurisdiction, etc.
- Are statements publicly supported or refuted?



#### **How to Cite Internet Documents**

- Provide sufficient information to identify the document
  - e.g. CCOHS. (2005). The MSDS: a Practical Guide to First Aid. [Online]. Available: http://www.ccohs.ca/products/publication s/msds\_firstaid.html [2006, Sept. 11]
- Consult a library style guide
  - e.g. <a href="http://tug-libraries.on.ca/internetsearch/cite\_docs.html">http://tug-libraries.on.ca/internetsearch/cite\_docs.html</a>
     (TriUniversity Group of Libraries -Guelph, Waterloo & Wilfred Laurier)



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