Discover Health & Safety Internet Resources

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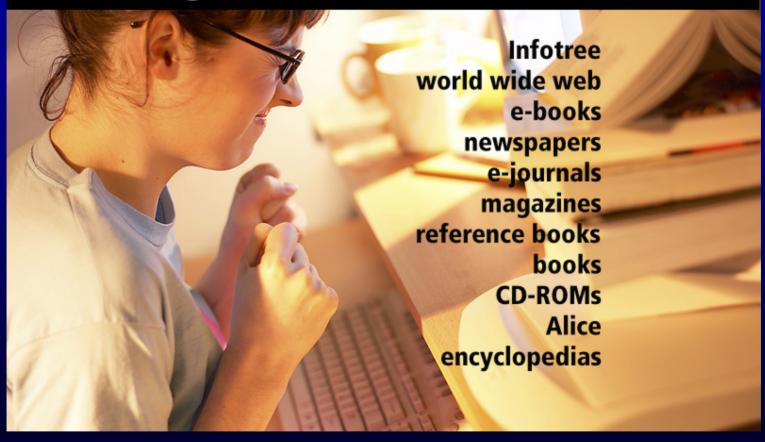
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Overview

- 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



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

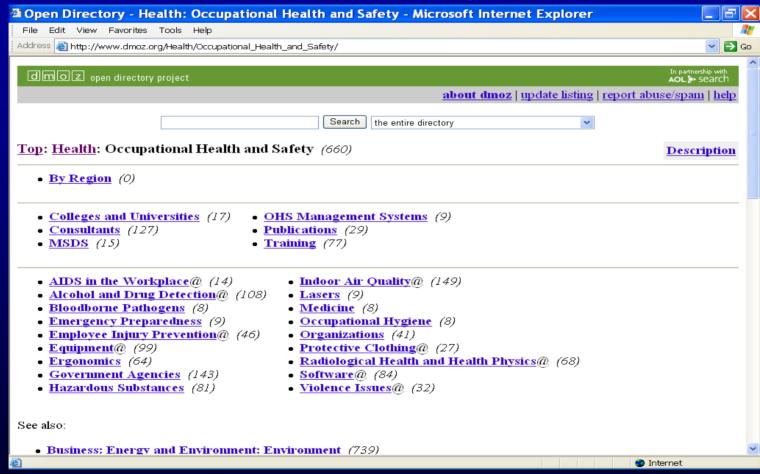
www.google.com/Top/Health/Occupational_Health and_Safety/

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/



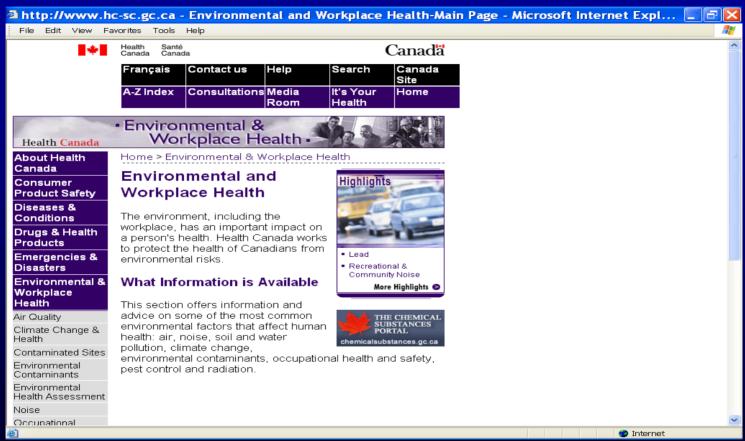


CanOSH Federal Publications





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/



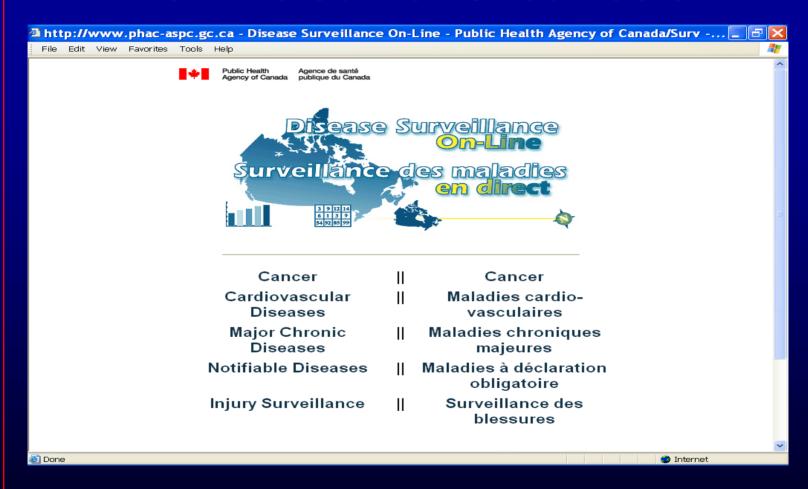


http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/



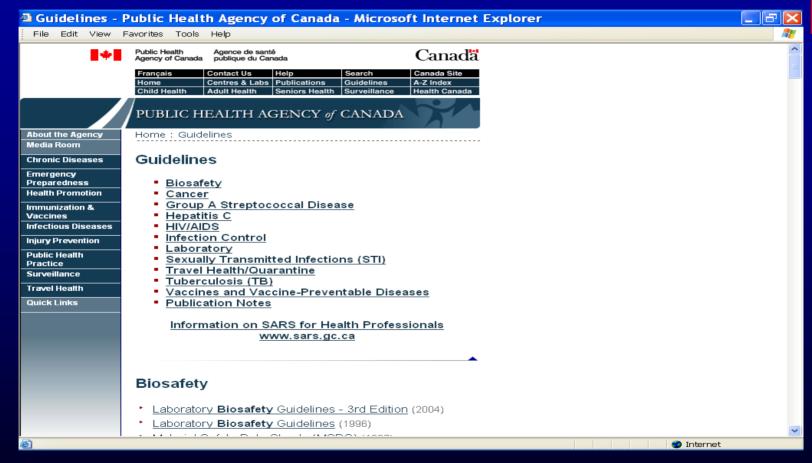


Online Surveillance Tools



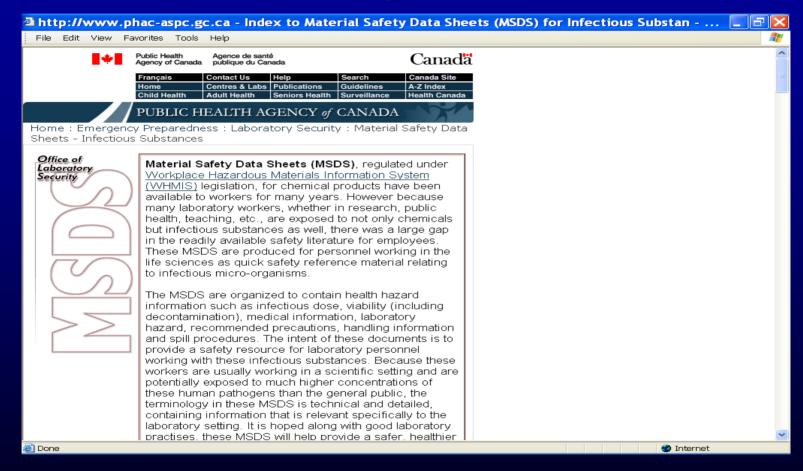


PHAC Guidelines http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/dpg_e.html



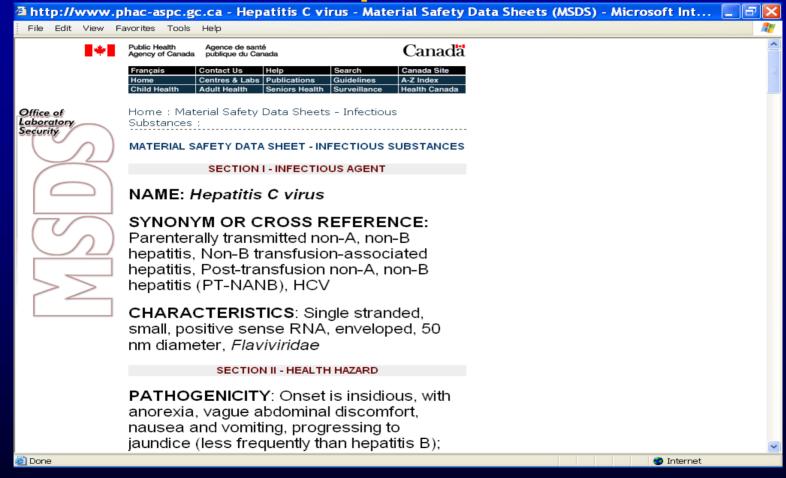


MSDSs - Infectious Substances http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/msds-ftss/index.html





MSDS – Hepatitis C virus



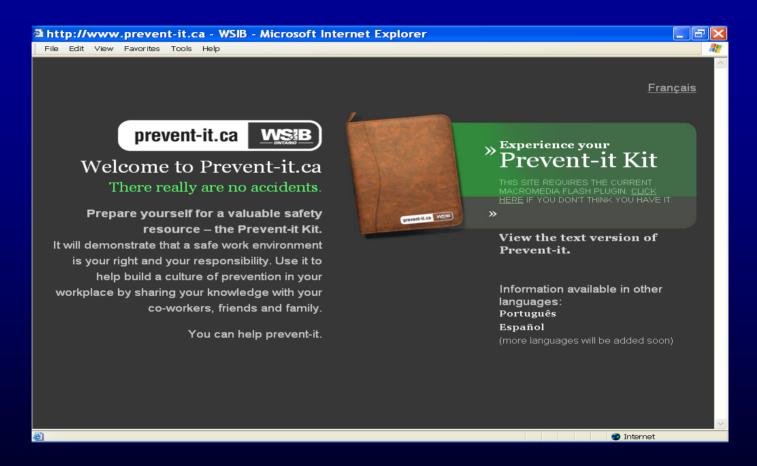


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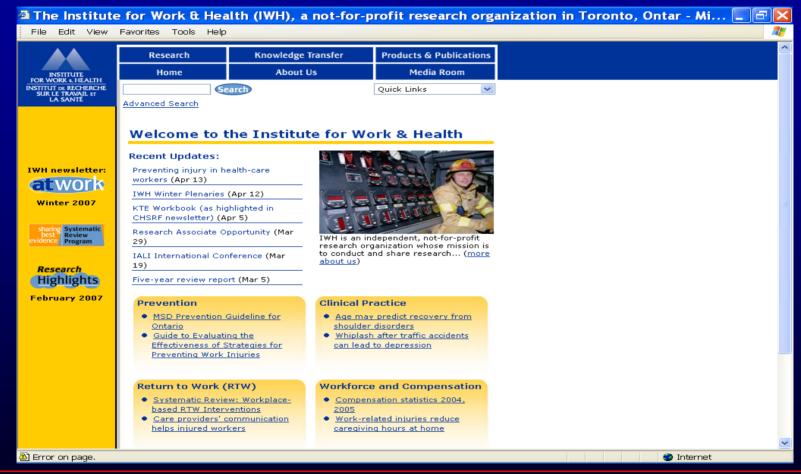


prevent-it.ca



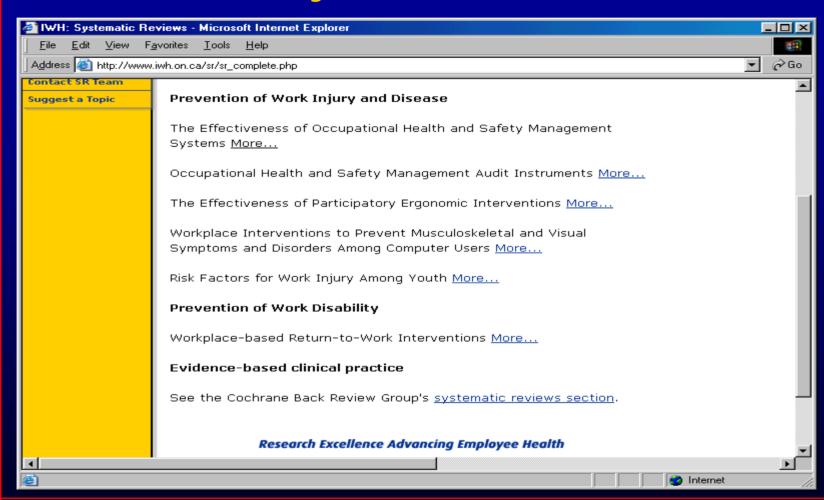


Institute for Work & Health http://www.iwh.on.ca



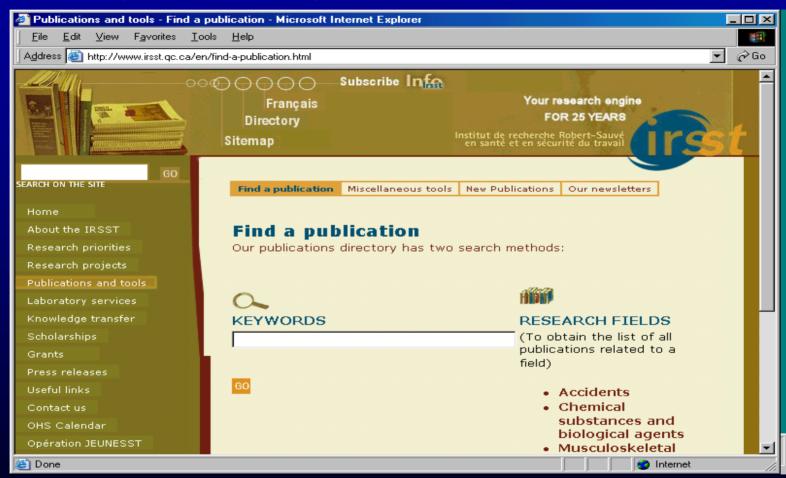


IWH Systematic Reviews





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



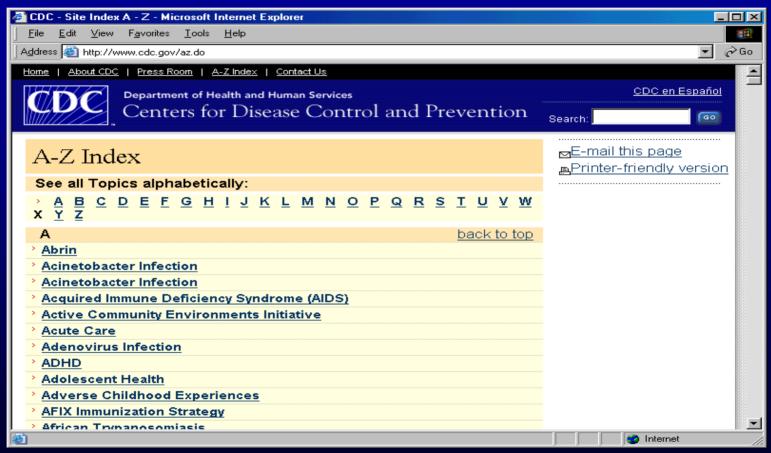


http://www.caw.ca/





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





http://www.pandemicflu.gov/

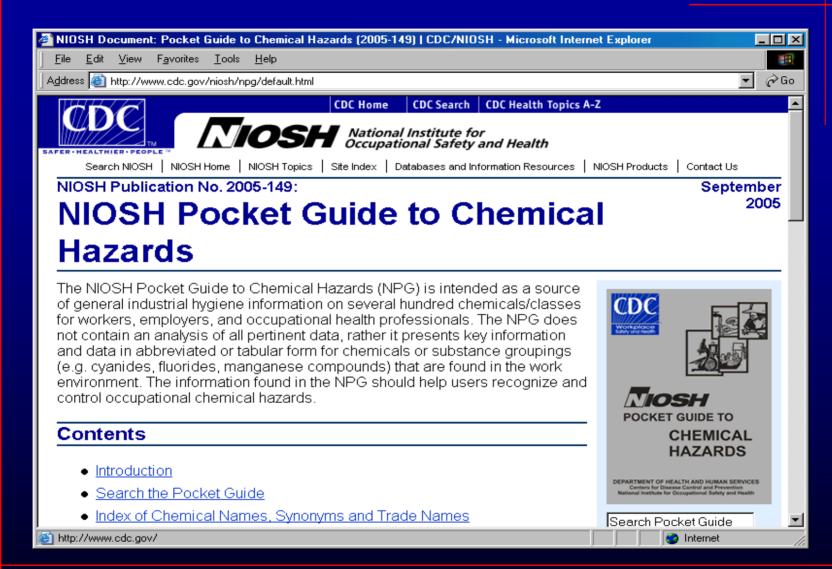




http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/

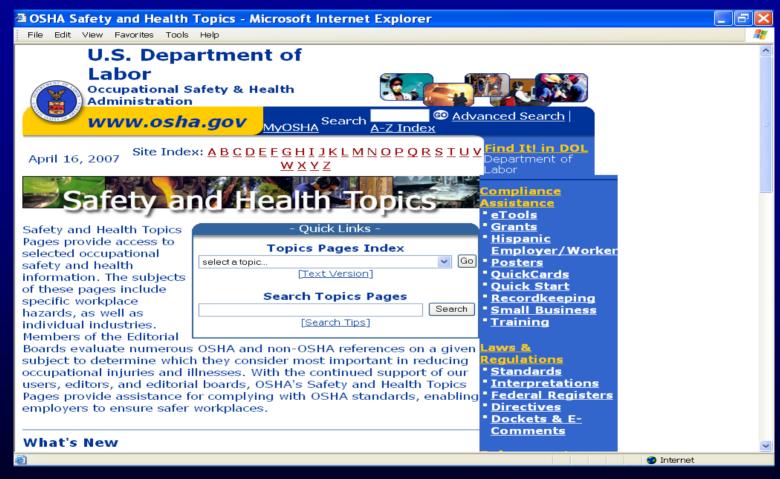






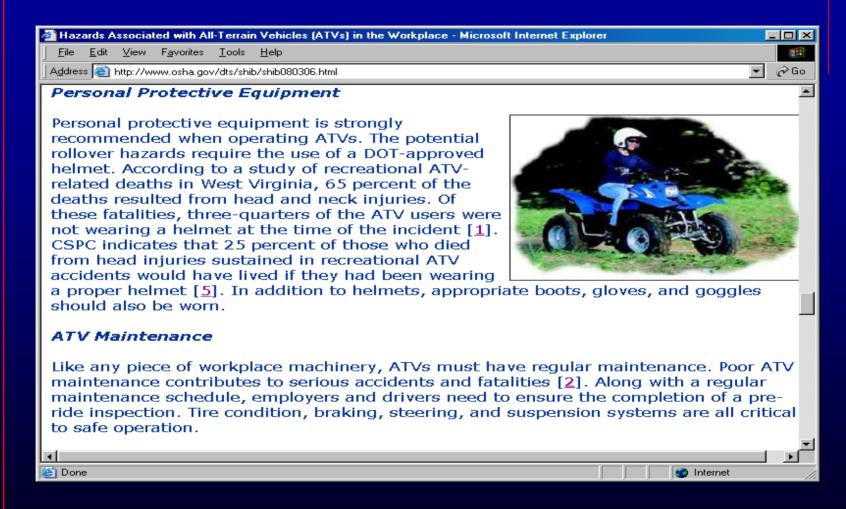


OSHA http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/index.html





OSHA Info Bulletins



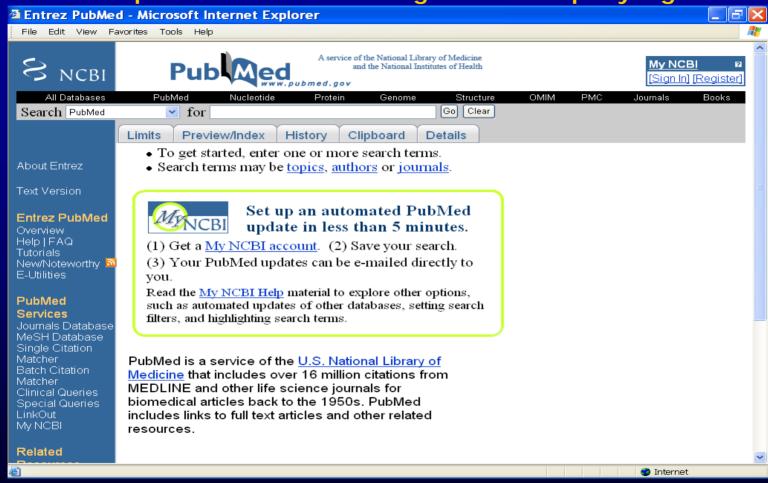


OSHA Training Tools

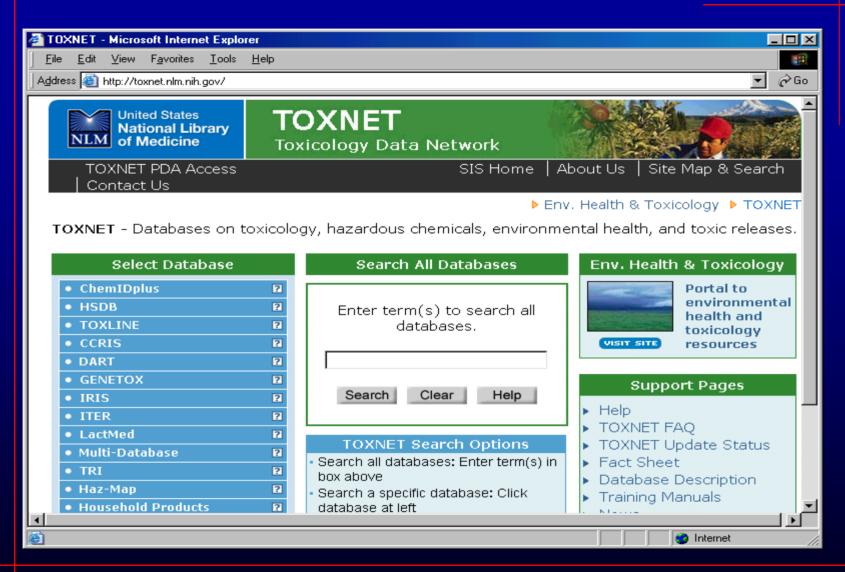




National Library of Medicine http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi

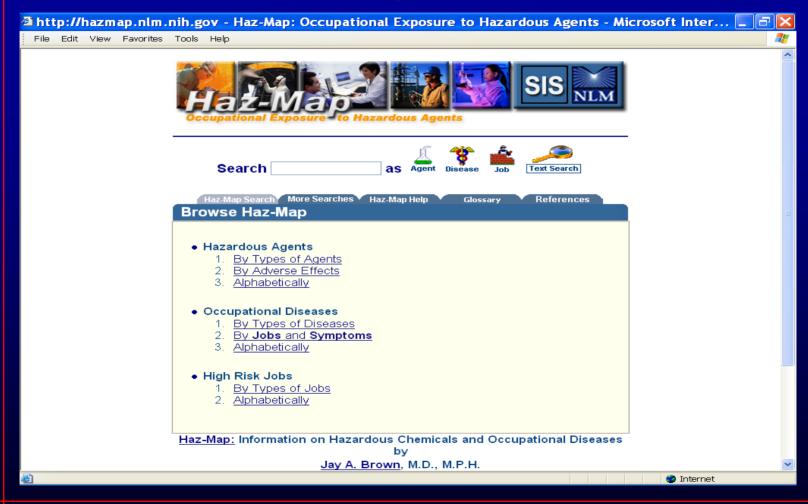








Haz-Map Database

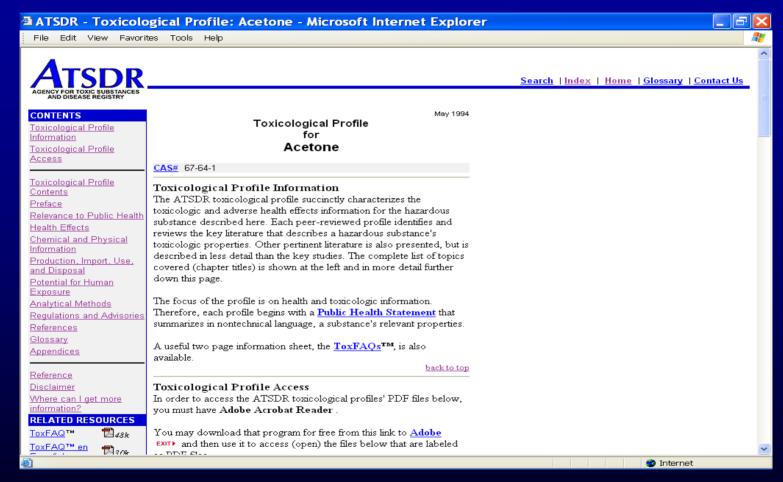






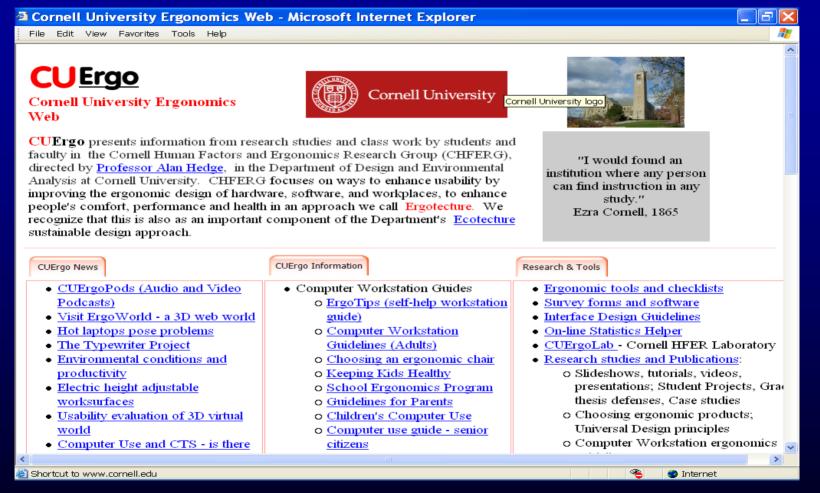


Tox Profiles from ATSDR http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/



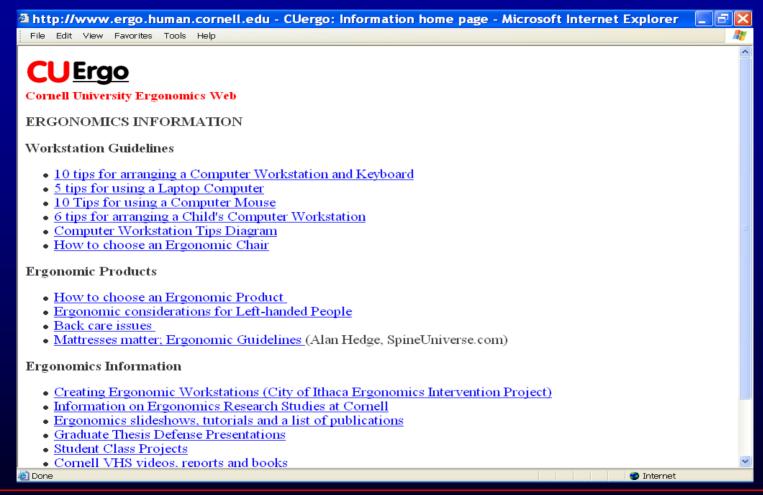


Cornell Ergonomics Web http://ergo.human.cornell.edu/



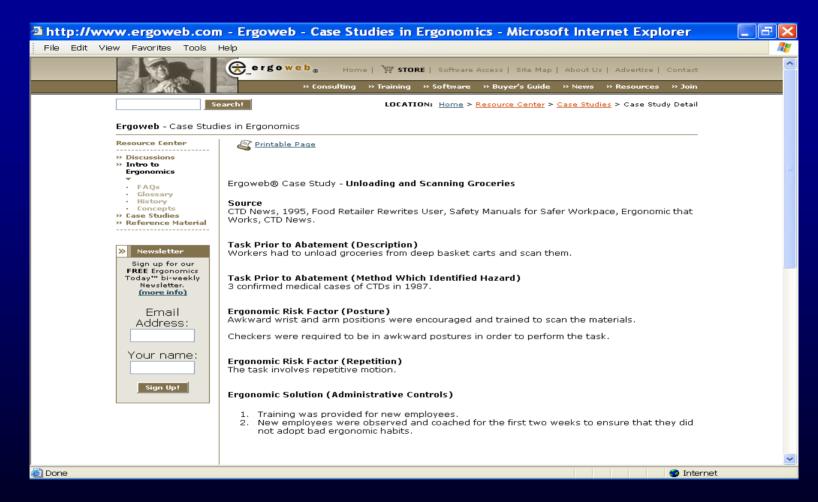


Cornell U. Ergo Resources





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



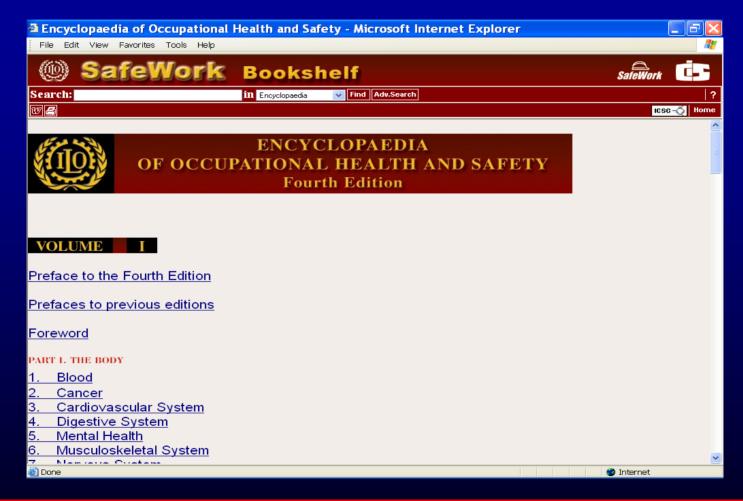


http://medlineplus.gov/



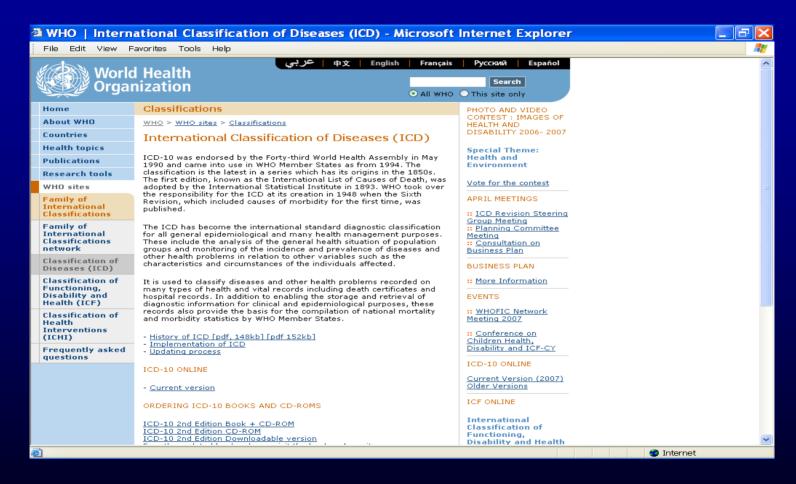


http://www.ilo.org/encyclopedia/



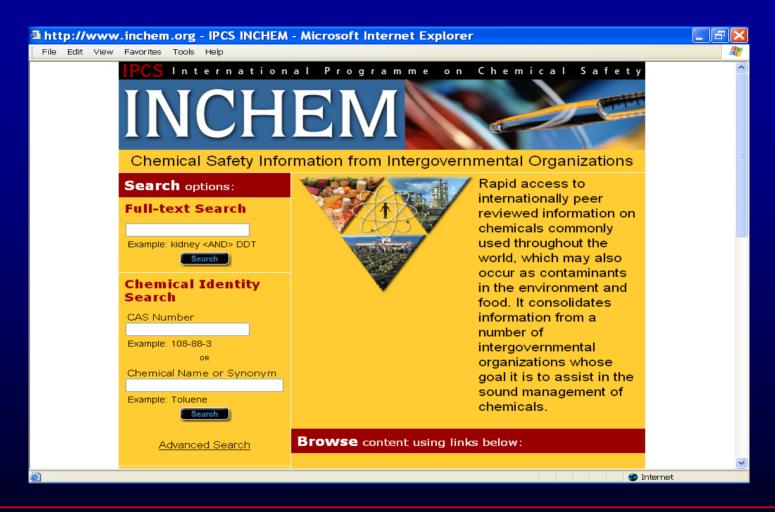


http://www.who.int/en/



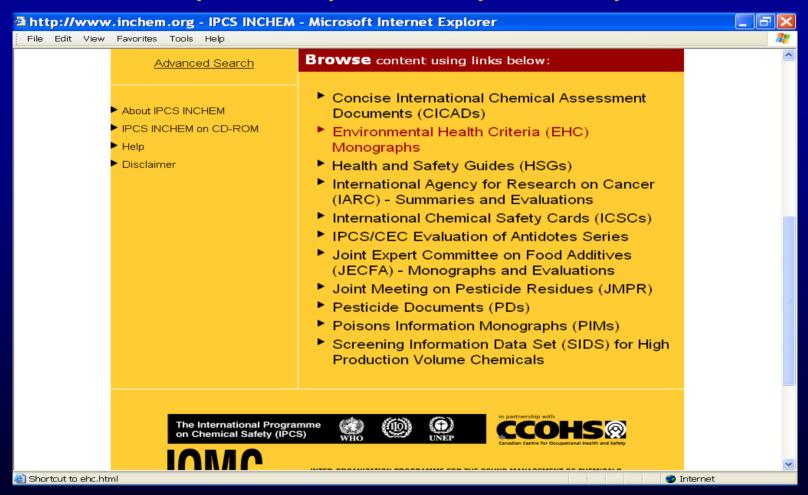


http://www.inchem.org/



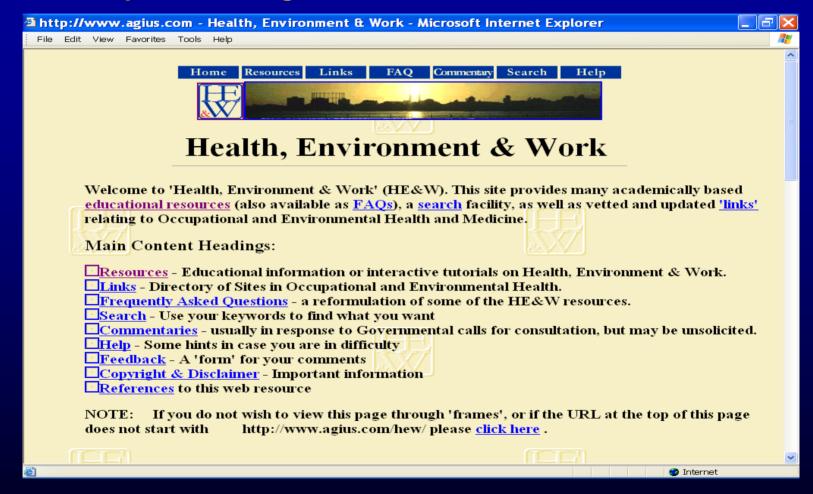


EHCs, IARC, ICSCs, PIMS, etc.



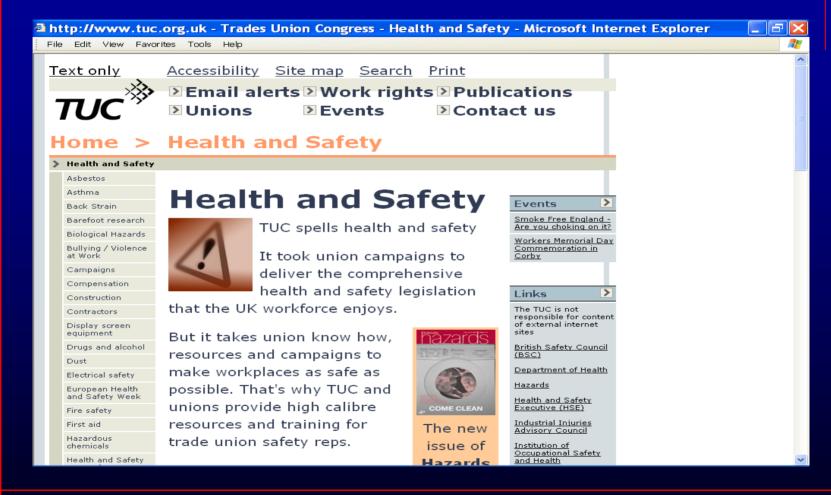


University of Manchester http://www.agius.com/hew/resource/index.htm



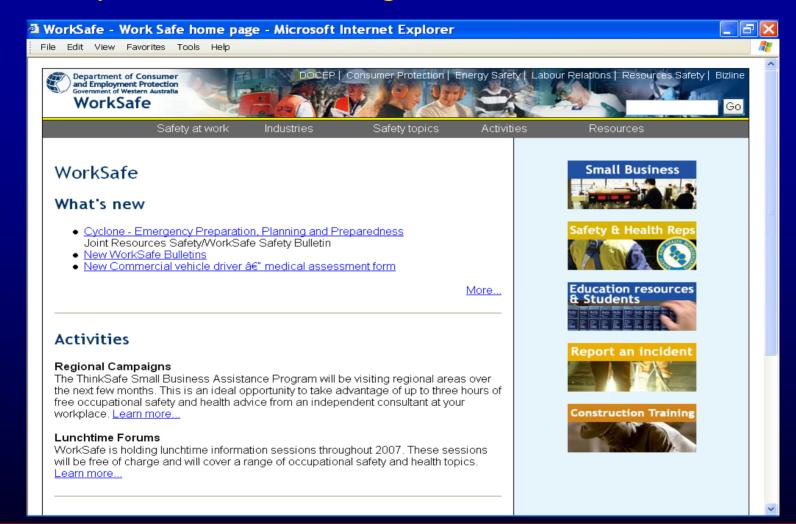


http://www.tuc.org.uk





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

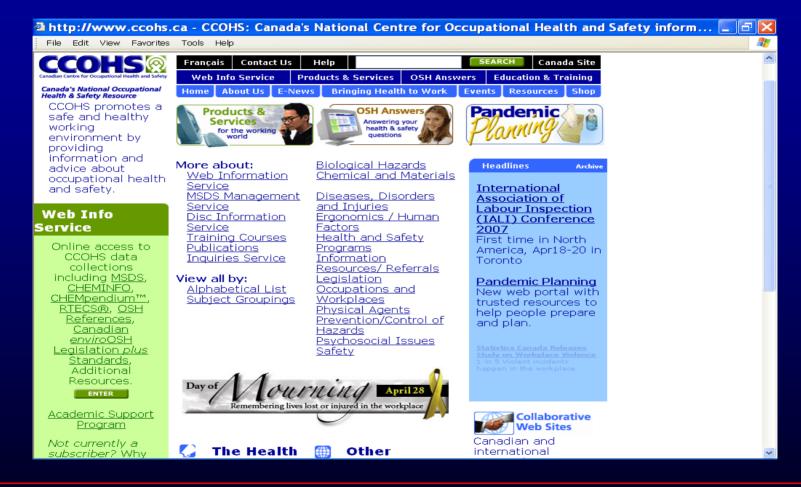








http://www.ccohs.ca/





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. http://tug-libraries.on.ca/internetsearch/cite_docs.html
 (TriUniversity Group of Libraries -Guelph, Waterloo & Wilfred Laurier)



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