

4. Occupational Health and Safety Resources by Topic

As each workplace is unique, there is no way to predict all of the possible hazards that may be encountered. This summary of resources is organized according to some of the major workplace hazards.

Ability Management: Fitness for Work, Return to Work Program & Disability Management

- Developing and Implementing a Comprehensive Return to Work Program: Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHSAH) www.ohsah.bc.ca/
- Fit to Work (CCOHS): http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/fit_to_work.html
- Prevention & Early Active Return-to-Work-Safely: Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHSAH): <http://www.ohsah.bc.ca/EN/433/>

Biological Hazards

- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (USA): www.cdc.gov/nchstp/tb/default.htm
- Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHSAH) Protecting Healthcare Workers from Infectious Diseases: A Self Audit-tool - www.ohsah.bc.ca/
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA): HealthCare Wide Hazards Module - Bloodborne Pathogens www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hospital/hazards/bbp/bbp.html
- Public Health Agency of Canada: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca

Bioterrorism

- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/diseases/latex.html
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA) www.osha.gov/SLTC/bioterrorism/index.html

Chemical Hazards

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

- Glutaraldehyde: Occupational Hazards in Hospitals Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA) www.cdc.gov/niosh/2001-115.html
- Preventing Occupational Exposure to Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Health Care Settings Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-165/

Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHSAH)

- Common Chemical Hazards ~ Chemicals You Should Be Aware Of Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHSAH) www.ohsah.bc.ca/index.php?section_id=25177&
- Latex in Healthcare: A Guide to Latex Sensitivity and the Latex Database Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHSAH) www.ohsah.bc.ca/505/219/

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) (USA)

- Anesthetic Gases: Guidelines For Workplace Exposures Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA) www.osha.gov/dts/osta/anestheticgases/index.html
- Hospital eTool - HealthCare Wide Hazards Module
Latex Allergy Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA) OSHA www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hospital/hazards/latex/latex.html
- Hospital eTool - HealthCare Wide Hazards Module Mercury Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA) OSHA www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hospital/hazards/mercury/mercury.html
- Occupational Safety and Health Guideline for Ethyl Chloride www.osha.gov/SLTC/healthguidelines/ethylchloride/recognition.html

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety (CCOHS):
 - ◆ WHMIS: www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/legisl/intro_whmis.html
 - ◆ WHMIS for Workers Course: www.ccohs.ca/headlines/text144.html
 - ◆ WHMIS Classification Search: <http://ccinfoweb.ccohs.ca/whmis/search.html>
- Developing a WHMIS Program Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia (OHSAH): www.ohsah.bc.ca/
- Health Canada - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - Official National Site: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hecs-sesc/whmis/reference_manual.htm

Emergency Planning and Response

- Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness: <http://ccep.ca/>
- CCOHS Emergency Planning: www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsprograms/planning.html
- Emergency Measures Organizations (Canada): ccep.ca/ccepccat01.html
- Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia (OHSAH) - Health and Safety in Emergency Management: A Guide for the Protection of Community and Health Care Staff: www.ohsah.bc.ca/
- Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada: www.psepc.gc.ca/

Hazard Identification and Control

- Alberta Government: Workplace Health and Safety eLearning program - Hazard Identification and Control: www.worksafely.org
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS): www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsprograms/report.html
- Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) - Job Safety Analysis Made Simple: www.hrsdc.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=/en/lp/lo/ohs/publications/job-safety.shtml&hs=oxs

Incident Investigation

- Alberta Government, Workplace Health and Safety eLearning program: Incident Investigation: www.worksafely.org
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) - Accident Investigation: www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsprograms/investig.html
- Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia (OHSAH) - Accident Investigation: www.ohsah.bc.ca/

Lasers

- Control of Smoke From Laser/Electric Surgical Procedures Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA): www.cdc.gov/niosh/hc11.html
- Lasers - Health Care Facilities Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/lasers.html
- Occupational Safety and Health Agency (USA) OSHA: www.osha.gov/SLTC/laserelectrosurgeryplume/index.html

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- CCOHS: PPE specific information: www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/ppe/
- Designing an Effective PPE Program - Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS): www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/ppe/designin.html
- Respiratory Protection - Ontario Safety Association for Community and Healthcare (OSACH) www.osach.ca

Program Evaluation

- Evaluating the Effectiveness of Strategies for Preventing Work Injuries DHHS (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (USA) NIOSH) Publication No. 2991-119: www.cdc.gov/niosh and the Institute for Work and Health Research www.iwh.on.ca
- Occupational Injury Indicators: Sectoral and occupational analysis, 1996 - The Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST) www.irsst.qc.ca/en/projet_2422.html

Working Alone

- Alberta Government, Workplace Health and Safety: Working Alone Safely: A Guide for Employers and Employees: www.worksafely.org/Publications
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) Working Alone: General: www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsprograms/workingalone.html
- Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia (OHSAH) - Working Alone / In the Community (includes guidelines for dealing with angry clients, anxious clients and depressed client in crisis) www.ohsah.bc.ca/index.php?section_id=25159&

Workplace Harassment and Workplace Violence

- Alberta Government, Workplace Health and Safety: Preventing Violence and Harassment at the Workplace: www.worksafely.org - Publications
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS): Violence in the Workplace: www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/violence.html
- Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHSAH): Violence Prevention Policy and Procedure: www.ohsah.bc.ca/index.php?section_id=25210&
- Quebec: The Commission des normes du travail: Psychological Harassment at Work: www.cnt.gouv.qc.ca/en/recours/harcelement.asp
- WorkSafe BC: Take Care: How to Develop and Implement a Workplace Violence Prevention Program: www.worksafebc.com/publications/