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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/](http://www.ohsah.bc.ca/)
- Fit to Work (CCOHS): [http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/fit_to_work.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/fit_to_work.html)

Biological Hazards

- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) [www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (USA): [www.cdc.gov/nchstp/tb/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/tb/default.htm)
- Public Health Agency of Canada: [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca)

Bioterrorism

- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) [www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/diseases/latex.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/diseases/latex.html)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA) [www.osha.gov/SLTC/bioterrorism/index.html](http://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. (OHS AH)
■ Common Chemical Hazards ~ Chemicals You Should Be Aware Of Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC. (OHS AH)  
  www.ohsah.bc.ca/index.php?section_id=25177&
  www.ohsah.bc.ca/505/219/1

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA) (USA)
■ Anesthetic Gases: Guidelines For Workplace Exposures Occupational Safety and Health Administration (USA)  
■ 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  
■ 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://ccinfo-web.ccohs.ca/whmis/search.html
  www.ohsah.bc.ca/
■ Health Canada - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System - Official National Site:  
Emergency Planning and Response

- Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness: [http://ccep.ca/](http://ccep.ca/)
- CCOHS Emergency Planning: [www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsproms/planning.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsproms/planning.html)
- Emergency Measures Organizations (Canada): [ccep.ca/ccepca01.html](http://ccep.ca/ccepca01.html)

Hazard Identification and Control


Incident Investigation

- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) - Accident Investigation: [www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsproms/investig.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsproms/investig.html)
- Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in British Columbia (OHSAH) - Accident Investigation: [www.ohsah.bc.ca/](http://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](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hc11.html)
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- CCOHS: PPE specific information: [www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/ppe/](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/ppe/)
- Respiratory Protection - Ontario Safety Association for Community and Healthcare (OSACH): [www.osach.ca](http://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](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh) and the Institute for Work and Health Research [www.iwh.on.ca](http://www.iwh.on.ca)

Working Alone


Workplace Harassment and Workplace Violence

- Alberta Government, Workplace Health and Safety: Preventing Violence and Harassment at the Workplace: [www.worksafely.org - Publications](http://www.worksafely.org)
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS): Violence in the Workplace: [www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/violence.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/violence.html)
- WorkSafe BC: Take Care: How to Develop and Implement a Workplace Violence Prevention Program: [www.worksafebc.com/publications/](http://www.worksafebc.com/publications/)