

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH RESOURCES

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The materials listed below are recommended for all reference collections. Libraries should have circulating copies of the SEIU *Safety + Health Manual*, *Turning Things Around*, and *A Troublemaker's Handbook*. A directory of committees on occupational safety and health (COSH groups) follows.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

A Troublemaker's Handbook: How to Fight Back Where You Work—and Win by Dan La Botz (Detroit: A Labor Notes Book, 1991).

A manual for workplace organizing culled from the experiences of rank-and-file unionists. One chapter is devoted to organizing around safety and health. Appendices include guides on researching your employer, publishing rank-and-file newsletters, finding information. Includes good bibliography.

A Workers' Sourcebook: Spanish Language Health and Safety Materials for Workers/La Fuente Obrera: Materiales de Salud y Seguridad en Espanol para Trabajadores by Ana Kimball (Los Angeles: Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program, University of California, 1990).

A completely bi-lingual bibliography organized by subject and occupation. Sections include: agriculture, biological hazards, hazard control, ergonomics, first aid, general safety and health, law, occupational diseases, hazard recognition, stress, toxic substances, workers' compensation. Provides addresses for publishers, distributors and other information sources.

Computer Health Hazards by Marija Matich Hughes (Washington DC: Hughes Press, 1990).

A thorough bibliography on medical investigations into the impact of computers on human health. Chapters cover studies of radiation emissions from VDTs; work-related health problems (cancer, pregnancy, repetitive strain injury, etc.); legislative and regulatory issues; monitoring and epidemiology; safety in the use of computers; and workers compensation for computer-related health problems. Includes author and subject indexes,

glossary, and lists of organizations and periodicals concerned with safety and health.

***Health + Safety Manual* from the Service Employees International Union (Washington DC: SEIU, 1987).**

A very useful manual in dealing with job safety and health in service industries. Provides background information on hazards such as asbestos, cleaning compounds, noise, stress, hand and wrist problems and discusses methods of control. Chapters deal with collective bargaining, laws and government agencies, occupational medicine, safety and health committees, and resources, including non-governmental agencies, printed and audio-visual material.

***Health/PAC Bulletin*, 1968- . Quarterly publication of the Health Policy Advisory Center, New York City.**

Excellent coverage of wide variety of health issues (including work-related ones) from an organization devoted to challenging the "medical industrial complex" and to educating the public.

***Occupational Safety and Health: A Sourcebook* by Elizabeth Sue Pease (New York: Garland, 1985.)**

An excellent reference source. Contains the text and legislative history of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and bibliographies on OSHA, collective bargaining, hazard and disease identification, women's safety and health, toxic substances, safety and health in specific occupations, and training. Provides a list of general reference works, indexes, periodicals, statistical sources, reporting services, databases, audio-visual material and a directory of associations and organizations.

***Turning Things Around: A Women's Occupational and Environmental Health Resource Guide* by Lin Nelson, Regina Kenen and Susan Klitzman (Washington DC: National Women's Health Network, 1990).**

Another excellent guide by three health care professionals. Chapters cover occupational health issues (stress, hazardous materials, reproductive hazards) and environmental ones (pollution, multiple chemical sensitivity, hazards to children and hazards at home). Gives suggestions for action and organizing. Provides a list of resources and guidance on how to use them. Includes bibliographies and a glossary.

COSH GROUPS

COSH groups are small, non-profit organizations formed in the late 1970s to educate workers, provide technical assistance to unions, and organize grassroots activities on workplace safety and health issues. A few of the groups listed below are not COSH groups, but can provide occupational safety and health information, referral and training. This list was compiled by the staff of NYCOSH.

CANADA

Ontario

WOSH (Windsor OSH)
1731 Wyandotte Street, East
Windsor, Ontario N8Y 1C9
(519)254-4192.

UNITED STATES

Alaska

Alaska Health Project
1818 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Suite 103
Anchorage AK 99517
(907)276-2864

California

BACOSH/Worksafe
(Bay Area COSH)
8400 Enterprise Way, #104
Oakland CA 94621
(415)638-1174.

LACOSH (Los Angeles COSH)
600 South New Hampshire
Los Angeles CA 90005
(213)383-4416.

Labor Occupational
Health Program
Institute of Industrial Relations
University of California
Berkeley CA 94720
(415)642-5507.

SA-COSH (Sacramento COSH)
c/o Fire Fighters, Local 522
3101 Stockton Blvd.
Sacramento CA 95820
(916)444-8135 or 924-8060.

SCCOSH (Santa Clara COSH)
760 N. 1st Street
San Jose CA 95112
(408)998-4050.

Connecticut

ConnectiCOSH
(Connecticut COSH)
P.O. Box 31107
Hartford CT 06103
(203)549-1877.

District of Columbia

Alice Hamilton Occupational
Health Center
410 Seventh Street, SE
Washington DC 20003
(202)543-0005.

**Workers Institute for
Occupational Safety and Health**
1126 16th Street NW, Room 403
Washington DC 20036
(202)887-1980.

Illinois

CACOSH
(Chicago Area COSH)
37 South Ashland
Chicago IL 60607
(312)666-1611.

Louisiana

Labor Studies Program
Institute of Human Relations
Loyola University, Box 12
New Orleans LA 70118
(504)861-5830.

Maine

Maine Labor Group on Health
Box V
Augusta ME 04330
(207)622-7823.

Massachusetts

MassCOSH
(Massachusetts COSH)
555 Amory Street
Boston MA 02130
(617)524-6686.

Western MassCOSH
458 Bridge Street
Springfield MA 01103
(413)247-9413.

Michigan

SEMCOSH
(Southeast Michigan COSH)
2727 Second Street
Detroit MI 48206
(313)961-3345.

New Hampshire

NHCOSH
(New Hampshire COSH)
c/o NH AFL-CIO
110 Sheep Davis Road
Pembroke NH 03275
(603)224-4789.

New Jersey

**New Jersey Work Environment
Council**
452 East Third Street
Morristown NJ 08057
(609)866-9405.

New York

ALCOSH (Alleghany COSH)
100 East Second Street
Jamestown NY 14701
(716)488-0720.

CNYCOSH (Central NY COSH)
615 W. Genessee Street
Syracuse NY 13204
(315)471-6187.

ENYCOSH
(Eastern NY COSH)
c/o Larry Rafferty
121 Erie Blvd.
Schenectady NY 12305
(518)393-1386.

NYCOSH (New York COSH)
275 Seventh Avenue , 8th floor
New York NY 10001
(212)627-3900
(914)939-5612 (Westchester)
(516)755-2400 (Long Island)

ROCOSH (Rochester COSH)
797 Elmwood Avenue, #4
Rochester NY 14620
(716)244-0420.

WNYCOSH
(Western NY COSH)
450 Grider Street
Buffalo NY 14215
(716)897-2110.

North Carolina

NCOSH (North Carolina COSH)
P.O. Box 2514
Durham NC 27715
(919)286-9249.

Ohio

**Greater Cincinnati Occupational
Health Center**
10475 Reading Road
Cincinnati OH 45241
(513)541-0561.

Pennsylvania

**PhilaPOSH (Philadelphia Area
Project on OSH)**
3001 Walnut Street, 5th floor
Philadelphia PA 19104
(215)386-7000.

Rhode Island

RICOSH (Rhode Island COSH)
741 Westminster Street
Providence RI 02903
(401)751-2015.

Tennessee

TNCOSH (Tennessee COSH)
1515 East Magnolia
Suite 406
Knoxville TN 37917
(615)525-3147.

Texas

TexCOSH (Texas COSH)
c/o Karyl Dunson
5735 Regina
Beaumont TX 77706
(409)898-1427.

Washington

(A COSH group is being
organized. Contact Pam Deutsch
for information, 206-632-0105)

West Virginia

Institute of Labor Studies
710 Knapp Hall
West Virginia University
Morgantown WV 26506
(304)293-3323.