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SIP TIP: SAFETY INFORMATION IN THE NEW MILLENIUM

So you wanted safety information on a particular topic, but didn't know where to look?

While past SIP Tips have focused on a particular safety issue or hazard, we thought we would turn our attention to where we get all this wonderful information. There are countless resources for this information, not the least of which is our own federal government. Here are some of our favorites.

Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

The OSHA website, www.osha.gov, has long been considered by many of us "safety gurus" as one of the best resources. Period. There is information on just about every safety topic you can imagine. And if it isn't at their website, they will re-direct you to various other websites that do have the information. This website is one of the easiest to navigate, as the alphabetical "Site Index" is right at the top of the homepage. There is even a worker page at www.osha.gov/as/opa/worker/index.html. And using "MyOSHA", you can customize the website to tailor it to your needs.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

The NIOSH website at www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html is also a wealth of health and safety information, but with less regulatory language. One of the best documents is the *Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards*, which has a link on the home page. The guide is downloadable for free at the website. Hard-copy and CD-Rom versions are also available for purchase.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Many of the injury and illness statistics you have heard over the years have been obtained from the Department of Labor's BLS website, www.bls.gov. In addition to safety stats, consumer, demographic, and employment information is among the hundreds of other categories of labor information.

Safety Email Newsletters

Safety Currents, a twice-a-month newsletter offered by Coastal Training, provides "What's New" information, informational articles, and of course some offerings by Coastal. It can be accessed at www.coastal.com/newsletters.html

Bongarde Communications, through <http://safetysmart.com>, also has a free newsletter.

Safety Publications

Free subscriptions to *Compliance Magazine* (www.compliancemag.com) and *Industrial Safety and Hygiene News* (www.ishn.com), excellent resources for current safety topics and regulatory updates, are available at their websites. The websites also have numerous safety briefs, articles, and links to other safety-related sites.

Associations and Unions

Last but not least, don't forget about your contractor association or unions. More than ever before, they are staying current on what is hot and what is not. Both the Construction Employers' Association and the Mechanical Contractors Association / Cleveland Plumbing Contractors' Association have full-time safety professionals on their staff, and the unions have the training coordinators, agents, and stewards. If you have a question or an issue, ask!



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