

Working Smarter not Harder... keeping your professional knowledge up-to-date!

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Working Smarter not Harder – Keeping your professional knowledge up-to-date

Contents

- Global overview of occupational safety, health, fire, chemical and environment information
- Hazard warnings
- Keeping up with the emerging trends
- Using the technologies cost-effectively and efficiently
- Ensuring that your professional knowledge is up-to-date
- Questions and answers



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Working Smarter not Harder

- Twenty years ago information doubled every 15 to 20 years
- In contrast, within the next two decades, information is expected to double every 6 months
- So Work Smarter not Harder.....
- **Use technology to access OSHFCE information**



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Why?

- Increased access to large amount of validated and authoritative information sources (NB Open Government and Freedom of Information effects)
- Rapid developments
 - **better browsers**
 - **technology more robust**
 - **full text delivery, sgml, html, xml, pdf, word docs etc**
- Wide choice
 - **standalone PCs, CD-ROMs, mobile phones**
 - **networked e.g. Intranets in an organisation**
 - **services via the Internet**
- Priced and free



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Good news continues...but

- Information is easier to update
- More cost-effective
- Easier to learn - intuitive

But there is some bad news...

- too much Information...
- pouring in all the time ...
- short of time...
- so need to make some decisions



Information Audit Identifies

- Current information needs
- Information sources you have
- Information available in your organisation
- Is it up-to-date?
- Also identifies information and systems which could be available to you



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OSHFCE information will be included in

- Legislation
- Codes of Practice
- Research results
- Journals and newsletters
- Films and videos
- Guidance and advice publications
- Encyclopaedias, handbooks, books, reports, pamphlets, datasheets



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OSHFCE information will be included in

- Standard specifications
- Translations
- Microfiche
- Organisations including loss adjusters, insurance
- Associations, Federations
- Conferences, training courses
- The Internet - web sites, email, e-publishing, PORTALS



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Warnings First!

- There is no ONE-STOP SHOP for OSHFCE information...but some services getting near
- Check to see if the information is validated and authoritative
- Is the author known?
- Is the organisation known?
- Check to see if the information is up-to-date...and dated e.g. Legislation



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Warnings First!

- Do the illustrations look correct? IF SUSPICIOUS CONSULT AN EXPERT!
- Do the measurements look correct? IF SUSPICIOUS CONSULT AN EXPERT!
- Check for a state of art review and note the date
- Likewise conferences/seminars have competent speakers
- Which organisation made the film or video?
- Databases, CD-ROMS and anything from the Internet.....ALL THE APPLY



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Search engines, web sites, emails, bookmarking, keeping up-to-date



- Search engines - aim to cut down your work
www.google.com, www.altavista.com,
www.yahoo.com
- emails
 - learn how to control them (some timewasters)
 - folders
 - regular checks - immediate answers - saves time
- Bookmarking - how many - USE PORTALS THEY DO THE WORK AND CHECKING FOR YOU
- Diary of Events...
Keeps you up-to-date, e.g. IOSH

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So what is happening in the e-OSHFCE world

- Legislation accessible - UK, EU and internationally
- Professional bodies and others, such as aggregators providing Value Added Services
- Journals - full text, content pages, ordering on online
- Bibliographic databases and linking technologies
- e-Buying documents, training and other products e.g. Amazon online, BOL online
- Portals or Gateways open up similar information



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Legislation

- **European Union**

Official Journal - <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj>

- Updated daily - available for 2-3 months free, then priced - EUDOR CELEXsince 1997

- Contains

- Calendar
- Case law
- What's New
- Euro conversion
- Chronological list of available journals
- Official Journal - L and C
- Quick way of finding out what's in the pipeline
- Easy to print new Directive...much improved



Legislation

- **UK Legislation...**

Remember now devolved government

<http://www.hmso.gov.uk>

- Available from 1988 for Acts and from 1987 for SIs - free...available immediately after passing in Parliament
- Contains
 - **What's New**
 - **Acts, SIs, local and other information**
 - **Quick way of finding out what's coming ...drafts**
 - **Easy to print out...much improved**



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Ireland Legislation

- **Ireland** - Irish State - www.irlgov.ie
 - All State Organisation
 - Government Department...click onto
 - Attorney General Office...
Irish Statute Book Acts & SIs 1922-1998
www.irlgov.ie/ag/
 - Health and Safety Authority www.hsa.ie
 - Some legislation and forms, guidance and advice, events
 - Information from EU, NISO, IBEC, NSAI and others



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Legislation



- **Legislation...** elsewhere in Europe go to **European Agency for Safety and Health... Links to Member States – 25 plus others in the network** <http://europe.osha.eu.int>
- Varied content also OSHmail - emailed newsletter
- Links with US OSHA, Canada, Australia, Japan etc
- **ILO** - www.ilo.org
- Extensive content - Recommendations and Conventions...subjects...Links

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Legislation

- **Legislation...elsewhere in the world**
- **USA** www.firstgov.gov
 - US Government excellent web portal
- Available since late 2000 - free ...links with
 - OSHA, NIOSH, EPA and many other quality sites



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Legislation

- **Legislation....elsewhere in the world**
- **Other countries**
- Extensive content
<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en>
- Lists government web-sites from over 220 countries.
 - **Classified under World-wide, European, African, American, Asian, Oceanian Governments**
 - **Some multi-government institutions also listed.**



Other Government departments and agencies



- **HSE - www.hse.gov.uk**
continues to expand sometimes hard to find what is needed. Also see name and shame “Prosecutions” database links from the front page - useful for press releases, keeping up to date, information sources see also hsedirect.com
- **DEFRA - www.defra.gov.uk**
revamped site, news, what’s new etc
- **Environment Agency - www.environment-agency.gov.uk**
expanding to contain more on IPPC

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OSHE professional bodies



- **IOSH - www.iosh.co.uk**
continues to expand...As new strategies take place
chat room, publications, training
- **RoSPA - www.rospace.org.uk**
revamped and expanding continuously offering value
added services
 - Very good Norwich and RoSPA - Young people pages
- **BOHS - www.bohs.org**
- www.bohs.org/ioha
- **BSC - www.britishsafetycouncil.org**

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INTERNET- Worldwide sites

- **Universities**
Good start from Edinburgh University
www.eevl.ac.uk go to Chemical Engineering
then to Chemical Engineering (General)
long list of excellent links, Sheffield, Oxford
- **Associations and Societies**
www.oshworld.com collects them together
- **US National Library of Medicine**
<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov>
- **Excellent OSHE**



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Publishers - OSHE, Chemical, MSDS and New Services & Suppliers



- **CD-ROMs also via the INTERNET**
(links describe print, cd-rom & web site information)
- Barbour - www.barbouexpert.com
- Canadian Centre (CCOHS) - www.ccohs.ca and the new www.canoshweb.org
- Croners - www.croner.cch.co.uk
- HSE and Butterworths - www.hsedirect.com
- IHS Technical Indexes - www.ihsti.com
- International Labour Office - www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/CIS

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Publishers continued- OSHE, Chemical, MSDS...



- **CD-ROMs also via the INTERNET**
- Sheila Pantry Associates Ltd - www.sheilapantry.com
- Society of Risk Analysis - www.sra.org
- Tolleys - www.tolley.co.uk and www.healthandsafetyzone.com
- US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) - www.cdc.gov.niosh

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Standard Specifications

- **Internet**
(links describe print, cd-rom & web site information)
- **NSAI - www.n sai.ie**
- **BSI - www.b si-global.com**
- **CEN - www.cenorm.be**
- **ISO - www.iso.ch**
- **ILI - www.ili-info.com**
- **ANSI - www.ansi.org**



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Journals - titles, abstracts, full text

- **Internet**

(these links will describe print, cd-rom and web site information - give titles, abstracts, full text)

- **BMJ - www.bmj.com**

- **Elsevier - www.elsevier.com**

- **CRC - www.crcpress.com**

- **Note:** also professional bodies and others also offer or will be offering journals...As priced or membership service



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e-purchasing - services, equipment, books etc



Internet

- www.shebuyersguide.com
- www.firenet.org.uk
- www.amazon.com
- www.bol.com

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e-OSHE portals...Sites to bookmark

Internet

- www.oshworld.com - Health, Safety, Fire, Environment Chemicals World
- www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/CIS - ILO International Labour Office
- www.cdc.gov/niosh - US NIOSH
- www.oshweb.me.tut.fi - OSHWEB
- www.ergoweb.com - Ergonomics periodicals, books and manuals. Also contents and abstracts of selected journals and lists large bibliographies



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Conclusion

Hope you have enjoyed this whistle stop tour of information sources...helping you to

- Working Smarter not Harder and
- Keeping your professional knowledge up-to-date

Thank you for listening!



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