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## Your Source for Free Occupational Safety and Health Information

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BWC Library

Do you need information on occupational safety and health, workers' compensation and rehabilitation? If you do, chances are you will find it at the Bureau of Worker's Compensation's (BWC) Division of Safety & Hygiene library. The library has more than:

- 6,000 books
- 200 magazines and newsletters
- 600 safety and health videos

These resources are available to employers, local and state government, legal and health care professionals, Ohio's workforce and the public at the library's two locations. You can find the central library in the William Green Building in downtown Columbus. BWC's Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health (OCOSH) in Pickerington houses the resource center and video library. Both locations are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



### Central library

The central library offers free informational services on the topics of occupational safety and health, workers' compensation and rehabilitation. BWC provides the only such library in the State of Ohio, and it is one of few in the nation. The library has three degreed librarians on staff to assist customers. Patrons can access the library's services online or by e-mail, phone or fax for a quick response. Here's a sampling of the resources the library offers:

- Personalized research assistance from experienced librarians
- An extensive collection of safety and industrial hygiene books and journals
- Online publications, tools and resources
- American National Standards Institute safety standards
- National Fire Protection Association fire codes
- A complete collection of Ohio safety codes dating back to 1924
- Reference materials include the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Official Disability Guidelines, Harris Ohio Industrial Directory, Patty's Industrial Hygiene, Patty's Toxicology, the Physicians' Desk Reference, the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Ohio Revised Code.

### Resource center

The resource center offers resources and support for the training center located at OCOSH. It provides many of the same services to the public as the central library because the two libraries share resources.

## Video library

The video library is a lending library of occupational safety and health videotapes and DVDs. It has an extensive collection and is the only such service in Ohio and one of the few in the nation.

The video library is a convenient and popular source for Ohio employers to obtain quality occupational safety-and health-related training aids. There is no direct charge for borrowing videos from the video library. Users may view or preview videos at our OCOSH location

## Interlibrary loan

There is no direct cost for borrowing materials from us. In addition, patrons can request materials by e-mail, phone or fax. Customers can find these resources under the Safety Services link at the top of the page at <http://ohiobwc.com>. BWC's online book catalog is combined with that of the State Library of Ohio. You can search the online catalog at <http://www.library.ohio.gov>.

## Contact information

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## Central library

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Columbus, OH 43215-2256  
Library phone: 614-466-7388  
Library fax: 614-365-4980

## OCOSH resource center and video library

13430 Yarmouth Drive  
Pickerington, OH 43147  
Library phone: 614-728-6464  
Video library phone: 614-644-0018  
Video library fax: 614-365-4989