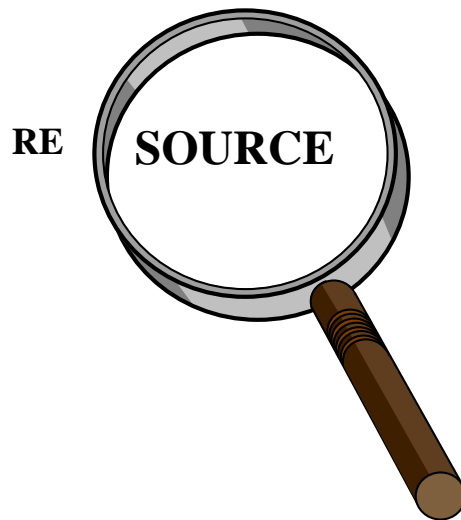


New York State United Teachers

Occupational Health & Safety Resources

FIELD DIRECTORY



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INTRODUCTION

Since its beginning, New York State United Teachers has advocated safer and healthier workplaces for its members.

NYSUT offers a variety of health and safety services for staff and members. They include written materials, training programs and technical assistance.

❖ *School-Related Personnel Information*

- Two brochures, published by the American Federation of Teachers, *Pointers for SRPs and More Pointers for SRPs*, offer suggestions for workplace health and safety and for reducing on-the-job health hazards.
- A video on bus driver safety, a NYSUT bus garage ventilation fact sheet, a NYSUT school bus violence fact sheet, and training for bus drivers on drug and alcohol testing are also available.

❖ *Health and Safety* - NYSUT offers locals training on safety and health issues, including the hazards of asbestos, construction in school buildings and other workplaces, hazardous chemicals, “safe schools” and federal and state legislation. In addition, NYSUT helps local unions establish health and safety committees and offers a Health and Safety Manual, plus various fact sheets and booklets available through NYSUT regional offices.

NYSUT knows that locals need to contact resources outside the union so they can utilize experts both in enforcement agencies and advocacy organizations.

This booklet is designed for both NYSUT members and staff so they may easily find services and appropriate resources to help resolve health and safety problems.

To access NYSUT health and safety services and publications, contact your NYSUT regional office.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

NYSUT Regional Offices

For information about health and safety issues, contact your NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist at one of NYSUT's 16 regional offices in New York State.

MAP

For more information, go to: www.nysut.org

Capital District Regional Office

187 Wolf Road - Box 5189
Albany, NY 12212
(518) 459-7740

Nassau Regional Office

Jericho Atrium
500 North Broadway - Suite 123
Jericho, NY 11753
(516) 938-4871

North Country Regional Office - Potsdam

12 Elm Street
Potsdam, NY 13676
(315) 265-2160

Southern Tier Regional Office – Vestal (Binghamton)

305 Vestal Parkway, West
Vestal, NY 13850
(607) 786-5742

Suffolk Regional Office

330 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway
Suite 406
Hauppauge, NY 11788
(631) 273-8822

Elmsford Regional Office

570 Taxter Road
Elmsford, NY 10523
(914) 592-4411

New York City Regional Office

48 East 21st Street - 9th Floor
New York, NY 10010
(212) 533-6567

North Country Regional Office - Watertown

200 Mullin Street
Watertown, NY 13601
(315) 788-0270

Southern Tier Regional Office - Elmira

100 West Church Street, Ste. 200
Elmira, NY 14901-2720
(607-732-1928

Syracuse Regional Office

4983 Brittonfield Parkway
P.O. Box 247
East Syracuse, NY 13057
(315) 431-4040

Utica Regional Office

7 Ellinwood Court
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 768-0131

Mid-Hudson Regional Office

201 Stockade Drive
Kingston, NY 12401
(845) 339-4450

North Country Regional Office - Plattsburgh

79 Hammond Lane
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
(518) 561-0150

Rochester Regional Office

Union Place
30 North Union Street - Suite 302
Rochester, NY 14607
(716) 454-5550

Southwestern NY Regional Office

1 Lockwood Terrace
4th & Cherry Streets
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716) 664-7425

Western NY Regional Office

Centerpointe Corporate Park
270 Essjay Road
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 634-7132

ASBESTOS DIRECTORY

ASBESTOS

Asbestos is a very dangerous fiber that was used as a building material and insulation product for many years. Exposure to asbestos may cause several types of cancer, including lung cancer, and a scarring of the lungs called asbestosis. NYSUT members can be exposed by working with it (maintenance workers) or because it wasn't handled safely in their buildings. The following organizations and government agencies can help make sure that you and your co-workers aren't harmed by sloppy asbestos work:

- **White Lung Association**, 80 Eighth Avenue, New York NY 10011, 212-886-9859. A volunteer organization of asbestos victims and others concerned with health and safety. Gives information on health and safety, medical-legal resources, and steps to take to avoid asbestos exposure. Refers questions on training to the New Jersey White Lung Center: 201-758-1590.
- **New York State Department of Labor, Asbestos Control Program**, License and Certificate Unit, State Campus Building 12, Rm. 161, Albany NY 12240, 518-457-2735. Licenses asbestos abatement contractors, certifies asbestos workers, receives notification of projects, enforces NY asbestos regulations (except in New York City).
- **New York State Department of Health, Asbestos Workers Safety Training Program**, Center for Environmental Health, Flanigan Square, Rm. 230, 547 River Street, Troy, NY 12180-2216, 518-402-7940. Approves and reviews asbestos safety training programs of private asbestos safety training providers. Also responds to public questions about asbestos safety in the home and workplace. Provides pamphlets such as "Asbestos in the Home", "Asbestos in the Workplace", and "The New York State Citizen's Guide to Asbestos".
- **New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Asbestos Control Program**, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, Corona NY 11368; public information 718-595-3682, certification center 718-595-3693. Accepts illegal asbestos removal complaints, enforces abatement regulations, notification, training and certification of asbestos workers and investigators.
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**, Region II, Air Compliance Branch, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866, 212-637-4080. Oversees federal asbestos regulation for public and private elementary and secondary schools. Provides general asbestos information and notification of asbestos disturbance during building renovation or demolition.

ASBESTOS CONTROL BUREAU

The Bureau enforces the New York State Labor Law Industrial Code Rule 56. Any work that disturbs asbestos during renovation, construction or demolition of buildings is covered by Code Rule 56. Even removal of asbestos insulation from pipes to fix a leak would be something the Control Bureau could investigate. A major purpose of Code Rule 56 is protecting people in buildings.

Asbestos Code Rule 56

The code requires the licensing of contractors, certification of all persons working on asbestos projects, proper procedures for asbestos removal, filing of notifications of large asbestos projects and pre-demolition survey of buildings to identify any asbestos which may be in a building to make sure asbestos is handled safely. The Bureau works closely with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and national databases established under the federal National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and NARS/ACTS.

ASBESTOS CONTROL BUREAU DISTRICT OFFICES

New York State Department of Labor
DOSH-Asbestos Control Bureau
Room 405
65 Court Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone 716-847-7601

New York State Department of Labor
DOSH-Asbestos Control Bureau
Room 401
450 South Salina Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone 315-479-3215

New York State Department of Labor
DOSH-Asbestos Control Bureau & Program Manager
Room 157
Building #12, State Campus
Albany, NY 12240
Phone 518-457-2072

New York State Department of Labor
DOSH-Asbestos Control Bureau
P. O. Box 683, Mail Stop #75
New York, NY 10014-0683
Phone 212-352-6109

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CLINICS: VALUABLE RESOURCES

In 1985, a coalition of labor and public health advocates realized the need for a state network of occupational health clinics. Each year thousands of workers in New York were becoming seriously ill and dying from toxic exposures in the workplace, with insufficient resources allocated to the prevention of occupational diseases.

As a result of the coalition's efforts, in 1987 the New York State Legislature established the New York State Network of Occupational Health Clinics, coordinated by the New York State Department of Health.

The primary purpose of these clinics is to prevent occupational diseases by providing diagnostic medical screening, treatment and educational services for workers exposed to toxic substances and occupational hazards. According to the New York State Department of Health, the mandate of the clinics is to:

- ◆ Provide medically objective diagnoses of suspected work-related medical problems.
- ◆ Conduct medical screening for groups of workers who are at increased risk of occupational diseases and illnesses.
- ◆ Perform industrial hygiene evaluations of workplace areas of concern to assist with diagnoses.
- ◆ Make referrals for treatment to other medical specialists.
- ◆ Provide educational programs.

Albany

Eastern New York
Occupational &
Environmental Health
Center
1873 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203
518-690-4420
800-419-1230

Buffalo

Union Occupational Health Ctr.
450 Grider Street
Buffalo, NY 14215
(716) 894-9366

Cooperstown

New York Center for Agricultural
Medicine and Health
1 Atwell Road
Cooperstown, NY 13326
(607) 547-6023

Long Island

Long Island Occupational and
Environmental Health Center
625 Belle Terre Road, Suite 207
Port Jefferson, NY 11777
(516) 476-2719

New York City

Bellevue Hospital/NYU
Occupational Health and
Environmental Medicine Clinic
27th Street and 1st Avenue
CD Building, Room 349
New York, NY 10016
(212) 562-4574

Long Island College Hospital
340 Hick Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 780-2805

Mt. Sinai/US Occupational Health
Clinical Center
1391 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10029
212-987-6649

Rochester

Finger Lakes Occupational Health
Services
919 Wesfall Road, Building 8, Ste 200
Rochester, NY 14618
(716) 256-0853

Syracuse

Central New York Occupational
Health Clinical Center
SUNY Health Science Center
6712 Brooklawn Pkwy – Ste 204
Syracuse, NY 17211
(315) 432-8899

Westchester

Mt. Sinai – Hudson Valley Ctr.
701 N. Broadway
N. Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 366-3670

COSH GROUPS

There are 23 Councils or Committees for Occupational Safety and Health (COSH) across North America dedicated to providing education and training to workers about safety and health on the job. The COSH groups work together to fight for stronger legislation and better enforcement of existing regulations and laws. The COSH groups in New York State are:

- **CNYCOSH** (Central NY COSH)
e-mail: cyncosh@igc.org
615 West Genesee Street
Syracuse NY 13204
315-471-6187, Fax: 315-471-6193
- **NYCOSH** (New York COSH)
e-mail: nycosh@compuserve.com
website: www.nycosh.org
275 7th Avenue
New York, NY 10001
212-627-3900
- **ROCOSH**, (Rochester COSH)
e-mail: billbenet@aol.com
website: www.ggw.org/freenet/r/rocosh
6 Prince Street
Rochester NY 14607
716-244-0420, Fax: 716-244-0956
- **WYNCOSH** (Western NY COSH)
e-mail: wny.cosh@verizon.net
2495 Main Street, Suite 438
Buffalo NY 14214
716-833-5416, Fax: 833-7507

COSH-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK

Midstate Central Labor Coalition,
e-mail: chf6@cornell.edu
109 West State Street, Ithaca, NY 14850
607-277-5670

Workers Rights Board
26 Court Street
Cortland, NY 13045
607-756-5582 (telephone & fax)

**New York State Department of Labor
Division of Safety & Health
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND HEALTH (PESH) BUREAU**

This bureau enforces OSHA regulations for and provides assistance to New York public employees and employers.

Use the table below to locate the PESH District office in your area.

Locations	Telephone / Fax	Counties Covered
Albany District State Office Campus Bldg. 12, Room 158 Albany, NY 12240	Tel. (518) 457-5508 Fax (518) 485-1150	Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Dutchess, Essex, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster, Warren, Washington
Binghamton District 44 Hawley Street 9th Floor Binghamton, NY 13901	Tel. (607) 721-8211 Fax (607) 721-8207	Allegany, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Steuben, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins
Buffalo District 65 Court Street Buffalo, NY 14202	Tel. (716) 847-7133 Fax (716) 847-7108	Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara
Hempstead District 175 Fulton Avenue Hempstead, NY 11550	Tel. (516) 485-4409 Fax (516) 485-0155	Nassau, Suffolk
New York City District 345 Hudson Street Mail Stop 7F PO Box 683 New York, NY 10014	Tel. (212) 352-6132 Fax (212) 352-6138	Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond
Rochester District 155 W Main Street Rochester, NY 14614	Tel. (716) 258-4573 Fax (716) 258-4593	Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
Syracuse District 450 South Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13201	Tel. (315) 479-3210 Fax (315) 479-3451	Cayuga, Cortland, Jefferson, Onondaga, Oswego, Seneca
Utica District 207 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13501	Tel. (315) 793-2316 Fax (315) 793-2303	Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, St. Lawrence
White Plains District 30 Glenn Street White Plains, NY 10603	Tel. (914) 997-9509 Fax (914) 997-9528	Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester

New York State

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Regional Offices

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC – also called ENCON) has a main role in pesticide regulation and certification of pesticide handlers. DEC also oversees storage and disposal of hazardous wastes.

To report environmental or natural resource problems, to reach any DEC program for any reason -- your first point of contact is your DEC regional office.

Region 1 Suffolk and Nassau counties (516) 444-0354

Region 2 Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island (718) 482-4900

Region 3 Sullivan, Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties (914) 256-3000

Region 4 Montgomery, Otsego, Delaware, Schoharie, Schenectady, Albany, Greene, Rensselaer and Columbia counties (518) 357-2234

Region 5 Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, Fulton, Saratoga and Washington counties (518) 897-1200

Region 6 Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, Oneida and Herkimer counties (315) 785-2239

Region 7 Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga, Madison, Tompkins, Cortland, Chenango, Tioga and Broome counties (315) 426-7400

Region 8 Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Steuben, Schuyler and Chemung counties (716) 226-2466

Region 9 Niagara, Erie, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties (716) 851-7000



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (SED)
Office Of Facilities Planning
Directory of Staff & Services

The stated mission of the Office of Facilities Planning is “to ensure safe, healthy, comfortable, and acceptable educational facilities which promote effective and efficient learning for all New York students regardless of where they live.”

The Office of Facilities Planning states that they will accomplish that mission “by establishing clear expectations and standards for school facilities. We will work with parents, teachers, administrators, designers, facility directors, contractors and the community to set in motion mechanisms for school improvement statewide.

This office of SED responsibilities include oversight of Part 155 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, annual building fire safety inspections and approval of district construction and renovation projects

WORK AREA / E-MAIL	NAME	TELEPHONE
Asbestos lsahr@mail.nysed.gov	Laura Sahr	518-474-3906
Construction Projects cthurndau@mail.nysed.gov	Carl Thurnau	518-474-3906
Disaster Preparedness lsahr@mail.nysed.gov	Laura Sahr	518-474-3906
Environmental Health and Safety lsahr@mail.nysed.gov	Laura Sahr	518-474-3906
Facilities Planning cthurndau@mail.nysed.gov (annual fire inspection process; building permits; construction authority)	Carl Thurnau	518-474-3906
Fire Safety Inspections cthurndau@mail.nysed.gov	Carl Thurnau	518-474-4738
Final Cost Reports lsahr@mail.nysed.gov	Laura Sahr	518-474-3906
Letters of Intent (LOI's) amerges@mail.nysed.gov	Alicia Merges	518-474-3906
New York City Projects cmessick@mail.nysed.gov	Laura Sahr	518-474-3906
School Safety & Emergency Planning	Laura Sahr	518-474-3906
SEQRA cthurndau@mail.nysed.gov	Carl Thurnau	518-474-3906

The Office of Facilities Planning has a helpful website that can answer many questions about Part 155, construction and renovation, asbestos requirements, and other school health and safety issues. Their web site is www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan/

OSHA INFORMATION AND REGIONAL OFFICES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR NYSUT MEMBERS

The mission of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is to save lives, prevent injuries and protect the health of America's private sector workers. OSHA and its staff establish protective standards, enforce those standards, and reach out to employers and employees through technical assistance and consultation programs. Workplace inspections are one of OSHA's principal activities. To file an OSHA complaint, contact the area office nearest you.

You can find all OSHA standards, interpretation letters and memos and answers to frequently asked questions at [www., osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov). The web site also features fact sheets on hundreds of safety and health issues, and downloadable official OSHA publications.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Third and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210
(202) 219-8148
Publications: (202) 219-4667

Region II: NJ, NY, PR, & VI
US DOL – OSHA
201 Varick Street, Room 670
New York, NY 10014
(212) 337-2378

Albany Area Office
401 New Karner Road, Suite 300
Albany, NY 12205-3809
(518) 464-4338
(518) 464-4337 FAX

**Bayside District Office of the
Long Island Area Office**
42-40 Bell Blvd.
Bayside, NY 11361
(718) 279-9060
(718) 279-9057 FAX

Buffalo Area Office
5360 Genesee Street
Bowmansville, NY 14026
(716) 684-3891
(716) 684-3896 FAX

Long Island Area Office
1400 Old Country Road, Suite 208
Westbury, NY 11590
(516) 334-3344
(516) 334-3326 FAX

Manhattan Area Office
6 World Trade Center, Room 881
New York, NY 10048
(212) 466-2482
(212) 466-2939 FAX

Syracuse Area Office
3300 Vickery Road
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 451-0808
(315) 451-1351 FAX

Tarrytown Area Office
660 White Plains Road, 4th Floor
Tarrytown, NY 10591-5107
(914) 524-7510
(914) 524-7515 FAX

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Even though many people try to make workplaces safe and healthful, each day thousands of workers become sick or hurt because of their jobs. When this happens, workers can be stuck with big medical bills and no income. Workers' compensation is meant to take away some of that hardship. Workers' compensation pays medical bills and replaces some of the lost income for people hurt on the job.

If you are injured, the first place to call is your union. If you have a current claim and want to know what's happening, contact your compensation lawyer, if you have one, or call the workers' compensation office nearest you.

Workers' Compensation Service Centers

Albany District (Eastern New York)

Counties Served: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Green, Hamilton, Montgomery, Orange, Putnae, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster, Warren, Washington
100 Broadway Menands
Albany, NY 12241
Telephone: 518-474-6674
Fax: 518-473-9166

Binghamton District (Southern Tier)

Counties Served: Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schuylar, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins
State Office Building
44 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
Telephone: 607-721-8356
Fax: 607-721-8324

Brooklyn District (New York City)

Counties Served: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Westchester (for Yonkers)
180 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, NY 11248
Telephone: 718-802-6600
Fax: 718-834-2116

Buffalo District (Western New York)

Counties Served: Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara
State Office Building
125 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
Telephone: 716-847-3158
Fax: 716-847-2272

Hauppauge District (Long Island)

Counties Served: Suffolk
455 Wheeler Road
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Telephone: 516-952-6000 or 516-952-6300
Fax: 516-952-7966

Hempstead District (Long Island)

Counties Served: Nassau
175 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
Telephone: 516-560-7700
Fax: 516-560-7807

Peekskill District

Counties Served: Rockland, Westchester
41 North Division Street
Peekskill, NY 10566
Telephone: 914-788-5775

Syracuse District (Central New York)

Counties Served: Catyuga, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence
935 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203
Telephone: 315-423-2934
Fax: 315-426-2378

Rochester District

Counties Served: Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
130 Main Street West
Rochester, NY 14614
Telephone: 716-238-8300
Fax: 716-238-8351

NEW YORK CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

The New York State Center for School Safety is funded through grants from the Governor's Office, the New York State Education Department, the Office of the Attorney General and New York State Department of Health for the primary purpose to help make schools safe.

The Center's fundamental principles of this mission are as follows:

- ◆ Collaborate with state agencies to assist schools in creating safe learning environments.
- ◆ To be a clearinghouse of school safety resources, with emphasis on comprehensive safe schools planning.
- ◆ Provide training and technical assistance to schools on implementing the SAVE legislation.
- ◆ Assist in the collection, assessment, and dissemination of successful school safety programs and strategies.
- ◆ Under the direction of the State Education Department, to work collaboratively and cooperatively with the Coordinated School Health and Wellness Centers and the Statewide Advocacy Offices.
- ◆ Assist the Attorney General's office in implementing the SAVI (Students Against Violence Initiative) Project.
- ◆ Develop and implement the Commissioner of Education's Safe Schools initiative on protecting students from harassment and hate crime, and administrators institute on discipline.
- ◆ Provide technical assistance and training support to ESD/SVP funded schools.

175 Route 32 North
New Paltz, NY 12561
845-255-8989
Fax: 845-255-3836
Web site: <http://int11.mhrcc.org/scss/>

Satellite Location: Prevention Services
Sullivan County BOCES
6 Wierk Avenue
Liberty, NY 12754
845-292-0082
Fax: 845-292-8694

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND INTERNET GUIDE

Ergonomics

Ergonomic injuries plague hundreds of NYSUT members yearly. Fortunately, there are many valuable resources for workers who want more information about how to prevent injuries caused from poor job design, such as carpal tunnel syndrome, back injuries, and tendonitis.

“Typing Injury FAQ”, www.tifaq.org, provides a wide variety of information about repetitive strain injuries (RSI's), resources for dealing with these ailments, and a broad description of assistive products to reduce injury risk and symptoms. The primary focus is on computer users at risk of injury. Many of the resources provided here also relate well to other work environments.

CTD Resource Network, Inc., <http://www.ctdrn.org/>, has extensive information about office environments.

The ergonomics page on OSHA'S web site has lots of information, including solutions to ergonomic problems and resources for many different industries, including health care and education. The web address is <http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/ergonomics/index.html>.

Indoor Air Quality

The **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** is a good source of information on indoor air quality (IAQ) through its IAQ INFO service. IAQ INFO gives information on: indoor air pollutants and their sources; health effects of indoor air pollution; testing, measuring, and controlling indoor air pollutants; building construction and maintenance methods which reduce IAQ problems; current standards and guidelines; general information on federal and state legislation. You can also get the EPA's "Tools for Schools" Action Kit. Write or call toll-free:

IAQ INFO: P.O. Box 37133, Washington D.C. 20013-7133
800-438-4318, FAX: 301-588-3408.
Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/>.

Air Quality Sciences, Inc. (AQS) is a full-service, ISO 9002 registered indoor air quality (IAQ) firm located in Atlanta, Georgia. They focus on the causes and health effects of IAQ. Their web site is full of useful information about less toxic building materials and cleaning products, building investigations and health effects of indoor air pollutants. You'll find them at <http://www.aqs.com/>.

Mold

One of the best guidelines for assessing and correcting mold problems is the New York City Department of Health's *Guidelines on Assessment and Remediation of Fungi in Indoor Environments*. It is intended for use by building engineers and management, can be used by anyone concerned about mold contamination, such as environmental consultants, health professionals, or the general public.

Web site: <http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/doh/html/epi/moldrpt1.html>.

Lead

Although lead poisoning is one of the oldest known work-related diseases, lead continues to affect workers. More than 100 jobs may involve exposure to lead fumes, mist, or dust. Construction workers especially have a high risk of developing high blood lead levels.

Over exposure to lead can cause permanent damage to the nervous system, blood-forming system, digestive system, kidneys, and reproductive system. Employers are required to use certain methods to lower exposures to lead. Methods include good ventilation, respirators, protective clothing, and making sure workers wash their hands before they eat or smoke.

Family members can be in danger of lead poisoning when workers wear work clothes home or wash them with the family laundry. Also, since children are particularly sensitive to lead's harmful effects, it is important to get them tested if you think they have lead poisoning. The following organizations and government agencies can help:

- **Mount Sinai-Irving J. Selikoff Occupational Health Clinical Center**
Lead in Construction Program, P.O. Box 1058, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, NY NY 10029
212-241-2903.
- **New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)**
9 Murray Street, NY NY 10007
212-349-6460.
- **New York Healthy Schools Network**
96 Swan Street, Albany NY 12210
518-462-0632
www.hsnet.org.
- **National Lead Information Center Hotline**
800-Lead-FYI.
- **New York City Department of Health Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology Unit**
125 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013
212-788-4290.
- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**
Box 500, 5 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013
212-334-7709 (for children.)
- **Department of Environmental Protection**
718-699-9811 (for water testing.)

Pesticides

Pesticides are poisons made to kill many types of plants and animals. A pesticide can be an insecticide (for bugs), an herbicide (for plants), or a fungicide (for mold). They are often used at home and at work. Exposure to pesticides can cause headaches, dizziness, stomachache, vomiting, muscle pain, cramps, and skin rashes. Long-term exposure to many pesticides is suspected or known to cause cancer, birth defects, damage to the nervous system, or other health problems. The following government agencies and organizations can help you with workplace pesticide exposure problems:

- **National Pesticides Telecommunications Network**
800-858-PEST - 24-hour information.
- **New York State Pesticide Poisoning Registry**
800-322-6850 - all human pesticide poisonings must be reported to this registry.
- **New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Pesticide Management Bureau**
50 Wolf Road, Albany NY 12233
518- 457-7842.
- **National Coalition Against Misuse of Pesticides**
701 E Street, Washington DC 20003
202-543-5450.
- **New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides**
33 Central Avenue, Albany NY 12210
518-426-8246.

ARTS MEDICINE SERVICES

These clinics and individuals offer medical services for people working in the arts (musicians, artists, etc.).

Center for Osteopathic Medicine
317 Madison Avenue #200
New York, NY 10017
(212) 685-8113

Center for PET, 115P
VA Medical Center
3495 Bailey Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14215
(716) 862-3450
Alan Lockwood, M.D.

Columbia Presbyterian/Eastside
16 East 60th Street
Suite 450
New York, NY 10022
(212) 326-3348
Emil Pascarelli, M.D.

Harkness Center for Dance Injuries
Hospital for Joint Diseases
301 East 17th Street
New York, NY 10003
(212) 598-6022
Marijeanne Liederbach, M.S.

Helen Hayes Hospital
Department of Rehabilitation Medicine
Route 9W
West Haverstraw, NY 10993
(914) 947-3000, ext. 3961, 3263
Vasoma Challenor, M.D.

Ithaca College Physical
Therapy Clinic
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 274-3740
Nicholas Quarrier, P.T.

Kathryn and Gilbert Miller Health Care Institute for
Performing Artists
St. Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital
425 W. 59th Street
New York, NY 10019
(212) 523-6200
Phillip Bauman, M.D.

Neurological Consultants of Central New York
North Medical Center, Suite 4J
5100 W. Taft Rd.
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 452-2299
Pieter Kark, M.D.

Performing Arts Medicine Program
2180 South Clinton Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618
(716) 275-7379
Ralph Manchester, M.D.

Performing Arts Physical Therapy
2121 Broadway
Suite 203
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-1423
Sean P. Gallagher, P.T.

Rusk Institute of Rehab Medicine
NYU Medical Center
400 East 34th Street
New York, NY 10016
(212) 263-6037

CENTER FOR SAFETY IN THE ARTS

The Center for Safety in the Arts (CSA) web site, <http://artswire.org:70/1/csa> provides information on hazards in the visual arts, performing arts, children and school arts programs, museums, and general health and safety information and laws relevant to the arts.

Although the CSA is no longer a functioning organization, this web site still provides valuable and useable information. Many of the fact sheets developed by the CSA, along with other arts information, can be found in the CSA Library on this web site.

EPA HOTLINES

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) develops regulations on the environment, and has many publications and services.

Information:	(202) 260-5922
General EPA Services, Personnel Locator:	(202) 260-2090
Hazardous Waste Ombudsman:	(800) 262-7937
Asbestos:	(202) 554-1404
City Air Quality:	(919) 541-5571
Air Quality:	(919) 541-2777
Chemical Storage and Disposal:	(703) 603-9230
Chemical Spills:	(800) 424-8802, (202) 426-2675
Indoor Air:	(800) 438-4318, (202) 484-1307
Lead Education:	(202) 260-1831
Lead Hotline:	(800) 424-LEAD, (800) 424-5323
National Antimicrobial Information Network	(800) 447-6349
Pesticides Publications:	(703) 305-5805
The National Pesticides Telecommunications Network:	(800) 858-7378
Toxics Release Inventory: Community Right-to-Know	(800) 535-0202
TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act	
Environmental Justice	(800) 962-6215
TSCA Assistance Information Services:	(202) 554-1404
	web site: http://www.epa.gov

EPA Regional Offices

Region II
(NJ, NY, PR, & VI)
New York, NY
(212) 637-3000

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH)

NIOSH conducts research, answers questions, and conducts health hazard evaluations for worksites. NIOSH also funds Educational Resource Centers (ERCS) that support educational programs in the fields of industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational/industrial medicine, occupational safety, and other specialized OS&H training areas. NIOSH supports ERC short-term continuing education (CE) programs for occupational safety and health professionals, and others with worker safety and health responsibilities. A current CE course schedule for all NIOSH Education and Research Centers can be accessed at NIOSH ERC Web site, or by contacting the NIOSH 800-number.

NIOSH
Mail Stop C-13
4676 Columbia Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45226

Information:
(800) 35-NIOSH (800) 356-4674
(513) 533-8328

Publications fax: (513) 533-8576
Publications e-mail: pubstaft@niosdt1.em.cdc.gov
Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html>.

NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards (NPG)

The NIOSH Pocket Guide is a source of general information on several hundred chemicals/classes for workers, employers, and occupational health professionals. The Guide does not give detailed descriptions of chemicals, but it gives important information in shortened or table form for chemicals or classes of chemicals (e.g. cyanides, fluorides, manganese compounds) that are found in workplaces. The Guide can help workers and safety professionals recognize and control occupational chemical hazards.

Information includes chemical group and formula, identification codes, exposure limits, chemical and physical characteristics, incompatibilities and reactivities, measurement methods, respirator selections, signs and symptoms of exposure, and procedures for emergency treatment.

Available formats: Printed, CD-ROM, diskette (3 1/2" or 5 1/4") and an HTML version.

Printed copies are available only from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) or the Government Printing Office (GPO). To order a copy, contact:

National Technical Information Service (NTIS)
5269 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22161
Telephone: (800) 553-6847 or (703) 605-6000
FAX: (703) 321-8547
E-mail: orders@ntis.fedworld.gov
Order Number: PB 97-177-604 - \$18 per copy
(25% discount with purchase of 5 or more copies)

NEW YORK REGIONAL POISON CONTROL CENTERS (PCCS)

Accredited by the American Association of Poison Control Centers, 1997. **Keep updated telephone numbers in advance of emergencies.**

Central New York

(315) 476-4766
(800) 252-5655

Finger Lakes

(716) 275-5151
(800) 333-0542

Hudson Valley

(800) 336-6997
(914) 366-3030

Long Island

(516) 542-2323

New York City

(212) POISONS
(212) 340-4494

MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY RESOURCES

American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)

2700 Prosperity Avenue
Suite 250
Fairfax, VA 22031
(703) 849-8888
Web Site: www.aiha.org

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

Office of Information and
Public Affairs
4330 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814
(800) 638-2772
(301) 504-0580
Web Site: www.cpsc.gov/

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02269
(800) 344-3555
Web Site: www.nfpa.org/

National Safety Council

1121 Spring Lake Drive
Itasca, IL 60143-3201
(630) 285-1121
Web Site: www.nsc.org

SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY SOURCES

There are many excellent full-line distributors for safety equipment. These are usually listed in the Yellow Pages Telephone Directory under "safety suppliers".

Lab Safety Supply Company has a very good technical support line and catalog mail order service.

Lab Safety Supply, Inc.

P.O. Box 1368

Janesville, WI 53547

Phone Orders: (800) 356-0783

Safety Techline: (800) 356-2501

Fax Orders: (800) 543-9910

Customer Service: (800) 356-0722

Website: www.labsafety.com

In Canada:

Ackland's Safety Supply has 25 branches throughout Canada.

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