Resources

Organizing for safe work

International organizations

Asia Monitor Resource Center
Independent organization that supports Asian labor movements and workers' rights, equality, and occupational safety and health. Many online resources.
Flat 7, 9th Floor, Block A, Fuk Keung Industrial Building, 66-68 Tong Mi Road, Kowloon, HONG KONG
T: +852 2332-1346
Website: amrc.org.hk

Clean Clothes Campaign
An international alliance of trade unions and NGOs dedicated to promoting better working conditions and supporting garment factory workers.
Postbus 11584
1001 GN Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
T: +31 (20) 412-2785
Website: cleanclothes.org

Maquiladora Health and Safety Support Network
A network of occupational safety and health professionals who provide technical assistance, information, and training to workers on the USA-Mexico border, in Central America, and Asia.
P.O. Box 124
Berkeley, CA 94701, USA
T: +1 (510) 558-1014
Website: mhssn.igc.org

Solidarity Center
The outreach arm of the US labor movement provides training and support to labor unions internationally on issues of wages and working conditions, organizing and bargaining skills, and gender equality.
888 16th Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005, USA
T: +1 (202) 974-8383
Website: solidaritycenter.org

Worker Rights Consortium
An organization dedicated to monitoring labor rights, conducting investigations, and reporting on working conditions.
5 Thomas Circle NW, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20005, USA
T: +1 (202) 387-4884
Website: workersrights.org

Workers' Guide to Health and Safety   2015
Books and materials online

**Barefoot Research: A Worker’s Manual for Organising on Work Security**

This manual helps workers learn how to conduct surveys and workplace inspections, and to discuss problems in the workplace as a group, providing them with ways to identify dangers and take action.

International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/public/english/protection/ses/info/publ/2barefoot.htm

**Made in LA**

Videos with comprehensive discussion and training guide for garment industry workers (in 12 languages).

Garment Worker Center
Website: madeinla.com

**Organising at Work: Building stronger unions in the workplace**

A guide to help unions increase participation and union effectiveness.

Trades Union Congress
Website: tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/OrganisingAtWork.pdf

**The Factory Floor Guide to Corporate Accountability: Seeking Redress for Labour Rights Violations in Global Supply Chains**

Step-by-step processes for preparing and carrying out legal campaigns and complaints about labor rights and standards.

Oxfam
Website: policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications/the-factory-floor-guide-to-corporate-accountability-seeking-redress-for-labour-296875

**The Global Workplace: A Manual for Trade Union Activists**

Promotes workers’ and unions’ understanding of globalization’s effects on workers’ conditions and rights. Information on how unions can launch international campaigns, get involved with NGOs, and approach international institutions like the ILO.

War on Want
Website: tinyurl.com/o48klk

**No Choice But to Fight**

The story of Chinese battery workers’ struggle for health.

Globalization Monitor
P.O. Box No. 70065K
Kowloon Central Post Office, HONG KONG
T: +852 6187 3401
website: http://www.globalmon.org.hk/content/%E2%80%9Cno-choice-fight%E2%80%9D

**Websites and apps**

**Cambodian Labour Law Guide, Better Factories Cambodia**

A mobile phone app labor law guide with links to training modules.

English, Mandarin, and Khmer.

ILO Better Factories
Website: betterfactories.org/?p=7267

**International Labour Rights Conventions of the ILO**

ILO conventions by name and number.

Website: ilo.org/global/standards/lang--en/index.htm

**United Nations (UN) conventions**

UN conventions by name and date.

Website: treaties.un.org
International unions

IndustriALL Global Union
54 bis. Route des Acacias
Case Postale 1516
1227 Geneva, SWITZERLAND
T: +41 (22) 308-5050
Website: industriall-union.org

International Trade Union Confederation
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5, Bte 1
1210 Brussels, BELGIUM
T: +32 (0) 2224-0211
Website: ituc-csi.org

UNIGLOBAL
8-10 Ave Reverdil
1260 Nyon, SWITZERLAND
T: +41 (22) 365-2100
Website: uniglobalunion.org

NGOs working with business

BIZNGO
Business and environmental groups working together for safer chemicals and sustainable materials.
310 Broadway, Suite 101
Somerville, MA 02144, USA
T: +1 (781) 391-6743
Website: bizngo.org

Business for Social Responsibility
Works with companies to improve labor and environmental issues.
HERProject trains women workers on basic health concepts.
88 Kearny Street, 12th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94108, USA
T: +1 (415) 984-3200
Website: bsr.org

VERITÉ
Works with companies to improve labor issues. Publishes reports and guides for employers on workplace improvement.
44 Belchertown Road
Amherst, MA 01002, USA
T: +1 (413) 253-9227
Website: verite.org

Industries

Electronics

GoodElectronics
International network promoting human rights, labor rights, and sustainability in the electronics industry.
Website: goodelectronics.org

Health Hazards in Electronics: A Handbook
Tom Gassert’s classic handbook on work-related illness and injuries in electronics and how to prevent illness, injuries, and environmental contamination in the workplace and surrounding communities.
Asia Monitor Resource Center
Website: http://amrc.org.hk/content/health-hazards-electronics-handbook

International Campaign for Responsible Technology (ICRT)
Dedicated to promoting sustainable electronics, focusing on global electronic industry impacts on health, the environment, and workers’ rights.
Website: icrt.co
Garment

Garment Industry Supply Chains: A Resource for Worker Education and Solidarity
This pack of materials is designed for educating and organizing with garment workers, primarily but not only women.
Women Working Worldwide
Website: women-ww.org/documents/www_education_pack.pdf

Sewing and Related Procedures: Ergonomics
A workers’ ergonomic guide for sewing, scissor work, working with bulk fabric, and other tasks. Also available in Spanish.
US Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Website: osha.gov/SLTC/etools/sewing/index.html

Shoes

Improving safety, health and the working environment in the informal footwear sector: Participatory action training for informal sector operator’s manual
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/2002/102B09_419_engl.pdf

Work dangers

General dangers

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)
CCOHS offers education, training, information, and health and safety programs.
135 Hunter Street East
Hamilton, ON L8N 1M5, CANADA
T: +1 (905) 572-2981
Website: ccohs.ca

Hazards Magazine
Includes resources on organizing, strain injuries, chemicals, compensation, sickness, young workers, women and work dangers, and unions.
Website: hazards.org/resources/index.htm

Encyclopedia of Occupational Health and Safety
Topics include health care, general work dangers, accidents and safety management, and chemicals. Also has chapters for each industry.
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/oshenc

Labor Occupational Health Program (LOHP)
Does research, and develops curricula and action-oriented trainings for workers. Also works with employers. Offers materials in Spanish, Tagalog, and other languages.
2199 Addison St., 4th Floor,
Berkeley, CA 94720-5120, USA
T: + 1 (510) 642-5507
Website: lohp.org
LaborDoc Website
Search for documents in the International Labour Organization database. Contains non-ILO materials and is in multiple languages.
Website: ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/1930/30B09_1_engl_V.1.pdf

Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program (LOSH)
Conducts research, outreach, and trainings on health and safety.
Peter V. Ueberroth Building
10945 Le Conte Avenue, Suite 2107
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1478, USA
T: +1 (310) 794-5964
Website: losh.ucla.edu

Industrial Health Resource Group
Supports organizing through training and materials on occupational safety and health.
Princess Christian Home
Rondebosch, Private Bag X3
Cape Town 7701, SOUTH AFRICA
Website: ihrg.org.za

OSHwiki
Developed by EU-OSHA, a growing, searchable, online collection of articles on occupational safety and health information and best practices.
EU-OSHA
Website: oshwiki.eu

Organising for Health and Safety: A Guide for Trade Unions
Training material and data sheets.
Industrial Health Resources Group
Website: tinyurl.com/l2zkjw6

World Health Organization (WHO)
Content on occupational health.
Website: www.who.int/occupational_health/en/

Your Health and Safety at Work
Guide with 12 modules on OSH.
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/safework/info/instr/WCMS_113080/lang--en/index.htm

Ergonomics

Ergonomic Checkpoints: Practical and easy-to-implement solutions for improving safety, health and working conditions
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@ed_protect/@protrav/@safework/documents/instructionalmaterial/wcms_178593.pdf

Chemicals
See discussion and list of helpful websites on pages 463 to 464.

Machine injuries

Safety and Health in the Use of Machinery
Guidelines for workers and employers.
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/safework/info/standards-and-instruments/codes/WCMS_164653/lang--en/index.htm
Resources

Electricity

Safety and Health for Electrical Trades: A Student Manual
A NIOSH publication for workers.

Noise

Noise at work
Training module that includes health effects of noise, and how to measure and control noise.

Ventilation

General Ventilation in the Workplace: Guidance for Employers
An accessible guide for employers and workers on implementing good ventilation systems.
Health and Safety Executive Website: ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/f/g/HSG202_-_Ventilation.pdf

Social dangers

Wages

Asia Floor Wage Alliance
International alliance of trade unions and labor rights activists working to achieve a living wage for garment workers in all of Asia.
Website: cleanclothes.org/livingwage/asia-floor-wage-alliance

Home-based work

Self-employed Women’s Association (SEWA)
Women’s trade union comprised of self-employed women workers. Their program HomeNet represents, organizes, and supports home-based workers around the world to improve working and living conditions.
Opp. Victoria Garden, Bhadra, Ahmedabad - 380 001, INDIA
T: +91 (79) 2550-6444 Website: sewa.org

Women workers and women’s health

Health and safety for women and children
Basic information on how work affects women and children. Special focus on reproductive and developmental health.

Promoting Gender Equality: A Resource Kit for Trade Unions
6 booklets on gender equality in unions, including collective bargaining and organizing for women workers’ rights.
International Labour Organization (ILO) Website: workinfo.com/free/links/gender/cha_0.htm
Working for Life: Sourcebook on Occupational Health for Women
Covers occupational health, safety, and welfare issues of working women in all industries.
Isis International
Website: amrc.org.hk/content/working-life-sourcebook-occupational-health-women

Migration
Guide to Labor and Employment Laws for Migrant Workers in North America
Covers labor laws, resources for migrants, and on-the-job safety and health for Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Available in English, Spanish, and French.
Commission for Labor Cooperation
Website: naalc.org/migrant/english/pdf/guide_en.pdf

The Migrating Women’s Handbook
Information and practical tips about travel documents, visa requirements, residency, work permits, wages, and how to protect your rights.
GAATW International Secretariat
Website: gaatw.org/books_pdf/migrating_woman_handbook.pdf

Child labor
Trade Unions & Child Labor: A Guide to Action
Set of 7 booklets on child labor laws, how to draft proposals, run campaigns, and use ILO standards.
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/actrav/projects/ WCMS_112597/lang--en/index.htm

Access to health
Occupational health: A manual for primary health care workers
This WHO book trains health workers to identify and treat workplace health issues. 12 modules include ergonomics, stress, and first aid.
World Health Organization (WHO)
Website: who.int/occupational_health/publications/emhealthcarework/en/

Reproductive and sexual health
Male and female reproductive health hazards in the workplace
Background information on how occupational dangers affect the reproductive health of men and women.
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/1996/96809_337_engl.pdf

Violence
Guidelines on Sexual Harassment Prevention at the Workplace
Handbook defines harassment and outlines how workers and employers can prevent it and respond to complaints.
International Labour Organization (ILO)
How to respond to rape and other gender-based violence: A guide for survivors and activists
Covers personal care and filing legal charges. Also provides guidelines for community action, campaigns, and activities.
Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)

Stop sexual harassment and violence at work: Smart guide for workers
A guide to recognizing and preventing sexual harassment and violence at work.
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/2014/114B09_41_engl.pdf

HIV and AIDS
COSATU Booklet on the Campaign Against HIV/AIDS
Explains AIDS and HIV, its transmission and prevention. Addresses workplace conditions and outlines union responses in developing HIV policies for the workplace.
COSATU
Website: cosatu.org.za/show.php?ID=1474

HIV/AIDS and the World of Work
ILO Global Program on HIV/AIDS
Website: ilo.org/aids

Workplace action on HIV/AIDS: Factsheets 1 to 6
International Labour Organization (ILO)
Website: ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/2006/106B09_308_engl.pdf

TB (tuberculosis)
Guidelines for Workplace TB Control Activities
Information about TB, and education and training materials for employers and workers.
Website: weforum.org/pdf/Initiatives/GHI_Guidelines_WHO_TB.pdf

TB Treatment Brochure
Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)
Website: tac.org.za/publications/tb-treatment-brochure

Environment
A Community Guide to Environmental Health
Offers information, stories, and activities to develop simple health technologies and introduces a wide variety of environmental health issues including water, sanitation, food security, pollution, and others.
Hesperian Health Guides
Website: en.hesperian.org/hhg/A_Community_Guide_to_Environmental_Health