

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

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/o48kllk

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: loh.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

Electricity

Safety and Health for Electrical Trades: A Student Manual

A NIOSH publication for workers.

NIOSH

Website: cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2009-113/pdfs/2009-113.pdf

Noise

Noise at work

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

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Website: ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/1996/96B09_331_engl.pdf

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.

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Website: ilo.org/public/libdoc/ilo/1996/96B09_338_engl.pdf

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/1996/96B09_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)

Website: betterwork.org/in-labourguide/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/L-GUIDE-2011-Guidelines-on-Sexual-Harassment-Prevention-at-the-Workplace-MoMT-LG.pdf

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)
Website: tac.org.za/sites/default/files/publications/2012-11-28/Gender-based-violence-book-web.pdf

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