About the OH-SG:

Public Health and Healthcare services were designated by President Clinton’s Presidential Decision Directive PDD-63, now superseded in the Bush Administration by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7). This sector is one of several critical infrastructures and key resources identified as needing protection from terrorist attacks.

Under the auspices of the DHS and coordinated through Health and Human Services, the Occupational Health Sub-council (OH-SG) was created to develop resources to establish a community and to develop necessary resources.

The OH-SC is an advisory group consisting of OH physicians, nurses, industrial hygienists, and other workplace health providers.

About OHDEN

- The Occupational Health Disaster Expert Network
- OHDEN is how OH-SC will achieve its mandate.
- OHDEN is a community that provides communication for OH professionals.
- OHDEN is a web-based resource and a community of occupational-health professionals.
- Odin is the Norse god of death, poetry, and wisdom.

Welcome to the Occupational Health Disaster Expert Network (OHDEN)!

Presented by the OH-SC (Occupational Health Sub-council)

Want to be a member?

Welcome, Dr. Doe!

For Members

Two types of data:
- Category 1: Emergency data, which is interactive
- Category 2: Reference information

Welcome, Dr. Doe!

Modify your personal profile

Urgent or Life-threatening

If immediate assistance or information is needed

Category 1

Emergency Preparedness and Response Reference Information

Category 2
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Category 1

If you need to speak to an expert right now:

If you need to report an incident right now:

Emergency links and numbers. Enter zip code: 27708

Hot Topics!!!

Conferencing

Send Alerts
Send alert to all members Send alert to selected members

Receive Alerts
Read latest CDC Alerts Read latest OH-CG web alerts Read latest HC-ISAC alerts

Read latest DHS alerts

Send Alerts
Send alert to all members

Conferencing

Review schedule of emergency conferences (e-mail or phone)

Review archive of conferences

Send Alerts
Send alert to all members

Conferencing

Alerts
Alerts
E-mail: No  Yes  Click here to enter E-mail address

IM: No  Yes  Click here to enter IM user name

Office phone: No  Yes  Click here to enter phone number(s)

Fax: No  Yes  Click here to enter fax number(s)

Home phone: No  Yes  Click here to enter phone number(s)

Mobile phone: No  Yes  Click here to enter phone number(s)

Pager: No  Yes  Click here to enter E-mail address

Preference (1 is highest) for routine notifications:

E-mail: 1 2 3 4 5

IM:        1 2 3 4 5

Office:  1 2 3 4 5

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Disaster Response:

Acute Phase

Please fill out the following questions to help refine and expedite searches and then submit:

Type of emergency (multiple selections allowed): Chemical Biological Radiation Nuclear Unknown

Origin of disaster? 1) Natural 2) Intentional (informs law enforcements) 3) Unknown

Select proximity to disaster (off site):

1 - 100 ft

101 - 500 ft

501 - 1000 ft

1001 - 2000 ft

2 - 5 miles

Greater than 5 miles

Volume amount (select one and enter amount):

Solid

Liquid

Gas

N/A

Route (multiple selections allowed):

Air

Sea

Water

Road

Transportation

Disaster location

Inside facility

Off site

N/A

This is just one example of the type of query information on which searches could be based.

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Category 2

Learn all about:

Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

Disaster Response: Acute Phase

Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

Would you like to learn at your own pace about disaster preparation?

Search on a topic (Enter keyword(s) and click link below):

View information from other selected websites

Members can search for OH-CG-reviewed websites and OH-CG-authored articles.

Three main categories are available to assist members in learning.
Scenario: Anthrax

• A Fortune 500 high-tech employer, Apex Industries, with approximately 3000 workers in a single multistory building shared with another 1500 individuals from another global employer, receives an envelope addressed to one of its employees. The envelope contains a fine powder.

• The employee opens the letter in a common area, notices the powder, brushes it off his forearm, reads an enclosed offer for a low mortgage rate, and discards the envelope.

• At lunch, he realizes that he should report his having noticed the powder in the envelope; but when he tries to retrieve the envelope, he learns that the trash has been taken out.

• There is no envelope or powder to test, but the FBI reports that numerous calls have been received in the past hour about similar envelopes delivered to over three dozen cities in the area. Of 200 identical letters, 152 contained harmless powder but 48 tested positive for spores of Bacillus anthracis.

Employee Issues

• Should I go to the point of distribution (POD) that I heard of from the news?

• Should I come to work? When? Is the building closed? For how long?

• Am I being paid for time off? FMLA? Worker’s comp?

• Will worker’s comp pay my private doctor to give me antibiotics?

Safety and Industrial-hygiene Issues

• What kind of respirators will we need? What about skin protection?

• How should we address the issue of environmental containment?
  – What about the ventilation system?
  – What about surfaces?

• How do we decontaminate the building and its contents without damaging vital documents and other material?

• Does exhaust ventilation require special monitoring?

• How do we manage waste disposal?

• How does the particulate size of the powder affect respirator recommendations?
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Management Issues

- How long do we close the building? Who decides? How long will it take to clean this problem up and get back to business as usual?
- How do we assure our employees, vendors, and other partners that our work environment is safe? Who makes this call?
- What do we do if the health department forces us to relocate temporarily? We have a business-continuity plan but will still need to send workers into the building during the transition period.
- Are our products safe? How will you know? When will you know?
- For consistency of communication, everything that you say will now have to be okayed in advance by the senior vice president of marketing. We want to minimize panic, liability, and loss of market share.

Issues for the OH Professional

- How are you going to answer these questions and deal with these issues?
- There’s plenty of general information on the news and on the Internet, but much of it is too general to apply to your specific problems at work. Where can you go to get more specific information?
- How can you minimize the risks that confidential data about conditions in your business will reach the media or the general public?
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OHDEN is:

- A repository of selected and targeted references
- A library of reviewed web content
- An active community of credentialed experts
- A professional forum for planning, training, and response
- A communication network for urgent alerts
- An essential resource to enable occupational health to fulfill its potential as a parallel public-health network to preserve the critical infrastructure of the nation’s workforce and productivity

AIHA, AAOHN, and ACOEM OHDEN

- Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding signed between AIHA, ACOEM and AAOHN
- Pool resources to secure support and resources from U.S. government and private sector — CDC, DHS and HHS all involved agencies
- Official liaisons to be appointed — AIHA Emergency Response Task Force
- You ALL! Opportunity in near future for a wide variety of EHS professionals, the target clients (IHs, nurses, safety engineers, occ docs initially) to test OHDEN and provide feedback on value and suggestions for optimization.