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To all Locals To all Divisions

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To all the National Health and Safety Committee's members

The National Office has recently become a user of the data bases that are provided by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

This means that we can search via a computer a number of related areas including:

- Chemical substances
- Trade name substances
- Pesticides
 - Herbicides
 - Health effects
- Toxicological properties
- Epidemiological studies
 - Workers exposures to substances

Other data bases are being developed including:

- Legal decisions re Health and Safety
- Research projects that are being conducted in Canada
 - Lists of health and safety resource persons

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- Canadian Standards Association Standards
- Chemical Information Data Sheets

Information Inquiries

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Should you require information regarding health and safety, please contact the National Health and Safety Department of CUPE. A computer search will be conducted on your behalf. Copies of any pertinent studies will be ordered and sent to you.

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Access to Data Banks by Locals and Divisions

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The system is designed to allow access to the data banks of the CCOHS through an identification code and a password.

Locals and divisions wishing to obtain access to the system can do so by becoming a participating user. Through the National Office passwords can be assigned to anyone wishing to participate.

There is no cost involved except in some areas where a long distance phone charge may be required. In all major cities in Canada, no long distance charges are required as access is via a local data package company.

A four day training course for user is offered by the Canadian Centre for Health and Safety. Any courses should be organized through the Health and Safety Department of the National Office. It will be the Locals' responsibility to assume the cost of the training sessions and the cost of the equipment required (a computer with a modem and a monitor and a printer).

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