

Below are suggestions for how to best utilize information sources about disaster preparedness and bioterrorism.

| WHAT DO YOU WANT TO FIND? | RESOURCE INFORMATION | TIPS |
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| Resources for emergency management of natural disasters , such as hurricanes, volcanoes and wildfires | Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): http://www.fema.gov | Navigate using the banner bar at the top of the home page. Site search is not user-friendly. |
| Resources for protection of public health in the wake of man-made and natural disasters | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Emergency Preparedness and Response Page: http://www.bt.cdc.gov | Multiple topics available from this page. Focus is various types of terrorism, but there is also information about natural disasters. Provides guidance about whom to contact in an emergency. |
| Authoritative health information for consumers | National Library of Medicine (NLM) MedlinePlus: http://www.medlineplus.gov Are you prepared?: http://72hours.org/index.html | Provides wide variety of consumer-level information about disaster preparedness and bioterrorism, such as news items and glossaries. This information would be appropriate for patients. Produced by the San Francisco Office of Emergency Services. Provides helpful information about how people can care for themselves in the immediate aftermath of natural and man-made disasters. |
| Federal and city citizen preparedness guides | Ready.gov: http://www.ready.gov/ Ready New York: http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/home.html | Federal preparedness information for businesses and families. Preparedness for New York City residents. |
| Multimedia presentations and courses in health information preparedness from NYU Medical Center (NYUMC) | NYUMC Center for Health Information Preparedness: http://chip.med.nyu.edu | Requires free log-in and password Includes RSS feed of "Article of the Week" Contains information about joining the NYC Medical Reserve Corps |
| Tailored collection of Web links to databases, web sites, e-journals and e-books. | Ehrman Medical Library Disaster Preparedness and Bioterrorism Resources Toolkit: http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/eresources/toolkits/disaster.html | Library toolkits are focused collections of key resources in a specific subject area. |

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| Peer-reviewed and governmental information about toxicology, hazardous chemicals , and related areas. | TOXNET: http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/ | A cluster of nine (9) databases about all aspects of toxicology and hazardous chemicals. Can search each database individually, or any combination of the five (5) principal databases at once. |
| Journal articles, books, reports, compact discs, and videotapes about mitigation and response to natural disasters | HazLit Database: http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on "Search HazLit" | Citations only Can search by title, author, keyword, call #, or year published Can search one or two categories at a time, using Boolean operators ("AND" and "OR") For items you are interested in, complete an interlibrary loan request at Ehrman Library, or at your home institution's library |
| Journal articles, conference papers, technical reports, maps and videotapes about all aspects of earthquakes | QUAKELINE: http://mceer.buffalo.edu/utilities/quakeline.asp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on "Search the QUAKELINE® Database" | Citations only Can search by author, title word, keyword, or word anywhere "Keyword" functions like a subject search, and "word anywhere" is like a normal keyword search. Can use any combination of Boolean operators in your search For items you are interested in, complete an interlibrary loan request at Ehrman Library, or at your home institution's library |
| Guidelines, fact sheets, and other tools for public health preparedness | Resource Guide for Public Health Preparedness: http://www.phppreparedness.info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on "Resource Guide Database" | Basic search is better than advanced. Do not use quotes around search terms. Hyperlinks to all results. |
| Journal articles in standard biomedical databases | PubMed: http://www.pubmed.gov OVID Suite: MEDLINE (Biomedical literature) CINAHL (Nursing and allied health literature) EMBASE (Pharmacological literature) PsycInfo (Psychological literature) | PubMed: Refer to Library's instructional handouts for search strategies: http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/instruction/handouts/index.html OVID: For best results, it may be necessary to reformulate your search in each database. Also refer to Library's instructional handouts for search strategies: http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/instruction/handouts/index.html |

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