

Industrial Design for Production—Patents & Product Safety Finding Information & Library Resources

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Library Homepage

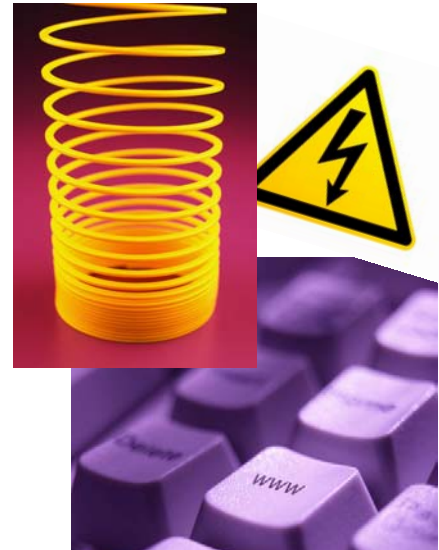
- <http://www.uwplatt.edu/library>

Industrial Studies Library Resource Page

- <http://www.uwplatt.edu/library/resources/industrial.html>

Key Terms

“products liability” / “product safety”
“safety measures” / “safety regulations”
“consumer protection” / “consumer safety”
“law and legislation” / “law & legislation”
patents / inventions / trademarks / licenses / copyright
toys / “children’s paraphernalia”
“consumer alerts” / recalls



Electronic Databases (to find articles)

ABI/Inform Global (ProQuest database)
Academic Search Elite (EBSCOhost database)
Business Source Elite (EBSCOhost database)
Business Full Text (Wilson Web database)
Applied Science & Technology Full Text (Wilson Web database)
General Science Full Text (Wilson Web database)

Journals

Quality Progress

Full text: ABI/Inform Global (1994-); Applied Science & Technology Full Text (1997-)

Professional Safety

Full text: Academic Search Elite (1997-); ABI/Inform Global (1987-); Applied Science & Technology Full Text (1997-)

Risk Management

Full text: ABI/Inform Global (1987-); Business Full Text (1995-)

Journal of Consumer Policy

Full text: ABI/Inform Global (1987-)

International Journal of Operations & Production Management

Full text: ABI/Inform Global (1992- , excluding current year); Emerald Full Text (1994-)

Engineering Management Journal

Full text: ABI/Inform Global (1997-); IEEE Xplore (1991-)

Consumer Reports (for the public, not scholarly)

Full text: ABI/Inform Global (1996- , excluding most current 3 months); Academic Search Elite (1991-)

Government Agencies

- **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)**, <http://www.cpsc.gov/>
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**, <http://www.epa.gov/>
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, <http://www.cdc.gov/>
- **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)**, <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/>
- **U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**, <http://www.uspto.gov/>

Web Sites—Consumer Product Safety

- **Consumer.gov**, <http://www.consumer.gov/index.htm>
 - o Sources for product liability and consumer information from the federal government
- **CPSC Toy Safety Publications**, http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/toy_sfy.html
 - o Includes safety alerts, fact sheets (example: “Child Safety Protection Act Fact Sheet”), and consumer guides (examples: “Which Toy for Which Child” and “For Kids’ Sake: Think Toy Safety”)
- **American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)**
 - o Consumer Safety Specification on Toy Safety, <http://www.astm.org/Standards/F963.htm>
 - o ASTM Subcommittee on Toy Safety, F15.22, <http://www.astm.org/COMMIT/SUBCOMMIT/F1522.htm>

Web Sites—Patents & Trademarks

- **U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**, <http://www.uspto.gov/>
 - o Describes patent & trademark law, as well as the application process
 - o Includes a presentation on how to conduct a preliminary U.S. patent search, <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ido/ptdl/CBT/>
- **U.S. Patent Office Full Text Databases**, <http://patft.uspto.gov/>
 - o Since 1976
 - Search full text or citations to patents issued since 1976 (and patent applications since 2001)
 - Boolean searching or browse searching by keyword, patent number, patent holder, application date, and place
 - Citations include images
 - You must use **AlternaTIFF** to view images; instructions available on web site, <http://www.uspto.gov/patft/help/images.htm>
 - o 1790-1975
 - Patent images available if you know patent number
 - If you don’t know patent number, try **Google Patents**
- **Google Patents**, <http://www.google.com/patents>
 - o Search patents database by keyword, assignee, inventor or patent number
 - o Can view patent images on screen—but cannot download
- **Internet Quick Reference: Patents, Copyright and Trademarks**, <http://internetquickreference.net/#PATENTS>
 - o Several annotated links to patent, trademark and copyright databases and organizations
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