

Welcome to Tox Town

People are exposed to environmental hazards every day and are often unaware of the potential risks to their health. **Tox Town** is the National Library of Medicine's interactive Web site about commonly encountered toxic substances, the environment, and health.

Enhanced with lively graphics, sound effects, and animation, **Tox Town** brings to life the everyday locations where you might encounter potentially toxic chemicals.

Bienvenido a Tox Town

Las personas están expuestas a peligros ambientales todos días y a menudo desconocen los posibles riesgos que acarrearán para la salud. **Tox Town** es el sitio web interactivo de la Biblioteca Nacional de Medicina sobre las sustancias tóxicas comunes, el medio ambiente y la salud.

Tox Town, un sitio realizado con gráficas vívidas, efectos sonoros y animación, da vida a las situaciones diarias en las cuales podría encontrar usted sustancias químicas potencialmente tóxicas.



Also from the National Library of Medicine

Household Products Database: Chemical ingredients in household products and manufacturer-issued safety information (<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov>)

Haz-Map: Occupational health information on the connection between work exposures and disease (<http://hazmap.nlm.nih.gov>)

MedlinePlus®: Health and drug information for consumers (<http://medlineplus.gov>)

TOXNET®: Databases on toxic chemicals and environmental health (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov>)

MEDLINE/PubMed®: Index to biomedical journals (<http://pubmed.gov>)

National Library of Medicine main Web site (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>)

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Tox Town

Versión
en español

Toxic chemicals and
environmental health risks
where you live, work, and play



Defining Toxic Chemicals

Non-technical descriptions answer “What is mercury?” “How might I be exposed?” and “How can mercury affect my health?” for mercury and more than 30 other toxic chemicals.



Environmental Health Concerns

Molds, noise, pest control, air quality, drinking water, occupational hazards, and safety issues are just some of the health concerns pictured and explained in Tox Town.



Educating the Public

Tox Town is recommended for high school and college students, educators, and the concerned public.



Teacher Page

Activities and resources to stimulate student learning about environmental health issues are ideal for classes in environmental science, earth science, forensics, and health.



A Resource You Can Trust

Tox Town links to reliable science-based information from the National Institutes of Health and other authoritative sources.

<http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov>
<http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/espanol>



Stroll Through the Neighborhoods

Click on locations pictured in the City, Town, Farm, US-Mexico Border, and Port neighborhoods to learn about chemicals and other hazards.



Picture This

Click on a chemical to see where it might be found in a neighborhood and to learn more about it.

ARSENIC

What is arsenic?

Arsenic is a silver-gray or white-metallic element that occurs naturally in the earth's crust. It is odorless and nearly tasteless. The chemical symbol for arsenic is As. Pure arsenic is a metal and is rare in the environment; arsenic is usually found combined with one or more other elements, such as oxygen or chlorine. Arsenic:

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Factory | Offices & Stores | School | Farm | Drinking Water | Park

What is arsenic? Health risks from food. Food safety history of arsenic. Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) and its Use as a Wood Preservative (Environmental Protection Agency). Drinking Water Standard for Arsenic (Environmental Protection Agency). Arsenic ToxFaqs (Agency for Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste). Arsenic Compounds Data Bank (National Library of Medicine).

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Take a Closer Look

Open a cutaway view of a home, hospital, school, or office for inside information on environmental hazards.

Homes

- Healthy Homes
- Chemicals at Home

Web links from MedlinePlus (National Library of Medicine)

- Drinking Water
- Household Poisons
- Indoor Air
- Molds
- Pesticides
- Poisoning
- Secondhand Smoke

Glossary of Hazardous Substances (Environmental Protection Agency)

Household Hazardous Waste (National Library of Medicine)

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Arsenic
Asbestos
Benzene
Carbon Monoxide
Chromium
Lead
Mercury
Nitrogen Oxides
Particulate Matter
Pesticides
Phthalates
Radon
Sulfur Dioxide
Toluene
Volatile Organic Compounds