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WISER 4.2 is now available!

You may download WISER 4.2 from the WISER web <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>, or access the on-line version, WebWISER: <http://webwiser.nlm.nih.gov/>

Highlights of this version include:

- In WISER for Windows, a substance's protective distance data can now be overlaid on an interactive map: view a substance and press the Map Protective Distances button (Internet connectivity is required. Please see the User's Guide for more details on this feature).
- Transportation criteria (DOT placard, rail car, road trailer) have been added to unknown chemical identification: enter the Help Identify Unknown feature and select the Transport option (not included in WISER for Palm OS).
- Signs/symptoms imagery added to biological agents: view a biological agent and select Medical-->Imagery from the data menu (not included in WISER for Palm OS).
- General data updates and several new substances.
- Printing support added to the ERG tool (WISER for Windows).
- Many more miscellaneous enhancements; see the release notes on the download pages of the web site.

The dependency WISER for Windows has on the Microsoft .NET Framework has changed from .NET 2.0 to .NET 3.5 Service Pack 1. Additional details are on the download page of the web site.

KOIN: Kentucky Outreach Information Network

The Kentucky Outreach and Information Network (KOIN) works to build a person to person network to assure that hard to reach populations are notified in the event of an emergency.

KOIN's philosophy is based upon the notion that trust plays a crucial role in how people receive and respond to emergencies warnings. Through KOIN the State of Kentucky is pushing preparedness responsibilities individuals and organizations in local communities which are trusted sources of information. KOIN holds workshops and distributes materials to promote communication efforts.

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National Resource Center on Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities

The mission of the National Resource Center is to serve as a central clearinghouse of resources and an information exchange portal to facilitate communication, networking and collaboration to improve preparedness, build resilience and eliminate disparities for culturally diverse communities across all phases of an emergency. This website is loaded with resources for community engagement efforts.

www.diversitypreparedness.org/

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