### Public and Environmental Health

1. **Societies in public health**

4. **Public and environmental health. General works. Include Environmental and Health Impact Assessments (EIA, HIA)**
   - See W208 for public health reports
   - See W206-245 for public health statistics
   - Include Public Health England and local Public Health departments and policy statements

11. **History of public and environmental health**

   - Use for general works only. Classify with specific aspect where possible

15. **Classification and terminology in public health**

26. **Use of computers, IT and telecommunications technology**

27. **Public and environmental health services. Health Protection Agency**
   - See QY23 for laboratory services; WA164 for public health nursing; WD83 for food safety

32. **Law and legislation in public health. General works**

33. **Discussion of laws and legislation**

#### Environmental Control

For general works on environmental control use W4

35. **Water. Water supply. Water sources. Include works on sanitary aspects of ice and ice making here.**

37. **Legislation on water standards**
40 Pollution. General works
   Class pollution related diseases with the disease e.g. Legionnaires’ disease at WF195

42 Legislation on pollution

44 Air pollution. Include problems associated with air conditioning systems; ventilation and heating.
   See W352 for air pollution in the workplace

46 Water pollution

48 Bathing beaches. Public baths. Swimming pools

50 Noise. Put occupational noise pollution at W358

55 Other specific types of pollution

57 Pest control. Disinfestation. Include pest control in hospitals

60 Waste and sewage disposal. Include toilet facilities; incineration; soil pollution
   See WX747 for waste disposal systems in hospitals

64 Industrial waste. Include public health aspects

67 Hazardous materials. Include transportation and storage. COSHH
   See WN645 for transportation, storage and disposal of radioactive waste
   See W410-425 for disaster planning aspects. See W350 for occupational health aspects

70 Clinical waste. Medical waste
   See WX747 for waste disposal systems in hospitals.

90 Registration of notifiable diseases

93 Registration and certification of the dead

95 Mortuary practice. Cemeteries. Cremation. Include the hospital mortuary
   See WT605 for customs associated with death
100 Preventive medicine. Community medicine. Public health medicine. Environmental medicine.

105 Public health physician. Include careers

107 Education in public and environmental health for physicians

**EPIDEMIOLOGY**

110 Epidemiology. General works

115 Epidemiological techniques

**PREVENTIVE MEDICINE**

120 Control of communicable diseases

121 Immunisation. Include immunisation / vaccination programmes and policies, including mass immunisation against disease outbreaks after disasters. Classify works on public health aspects here and works on immunological aspects in QW800-815; See WS130 for immunisation in childhood

122 Port health services. Include quarantine.

124 Travel medicine. Include immunisation for travel purposes only and popular works on healthy travel. See QW806 for technical aspects of vaccination

128 Diagnostic services. Screening. Mass screening programmes. General works See W310 for occupational health screening. Classify screening for a particular disease with the disease

130 Epidemics. Disease reservoirs See W410-425 for disaster planning aspects. See W121 for mass immunisation

140 Health problems of developed countries

142 Health problems of developing countries

144 Urban health See HM210 for urban communities in general
Rural health
See HM215 for rural communities in general

HEALTH AND MEDICAL STATISTICS
Where possible classify with the specialty at 16 or with subject. Classify here works on statistical analysis only. Works on data collection should be classified with research methodology. Classify general population statistics, e.g. birth and mortality statistics at HA130-134.

Theory and methodology of health and medical statistics
Classify general works on statistical theory in QA27
Classify theory and methodology within a specialty at XX16 of that specialty, e.g. ‘Statistics for the Psychologist’ at WLM16

Specific methodological techniques in health and medical statistics
Classify general works on statistical techniques, e.g. cluster analysis at QA28
Classify specific methodologies within a specialty at XX16 of that specialty

Guides to sources

International and comparative

UK HEALTH STATISTICS
Include statistics for individual home countries

Morbidity. General works. Use for statistics on disease or illness
Classify specific morbidity statistics with the specialty

General health issues, e.g. On the State of the Public Health. Include local health surveillance reports

Environmental health

Occupational health

NON-UK HEALTH STATISTICS

Europe

European Union

United States. Canada

Other countries
SOCILOGY OF HEALTH

250 Health and medical sociology. General and comprehensive works. Include social/public attitudes to health and illness in general
   See WA7 for the patient or ill person’s experience

260 Socioeconomic aspects of health and disease, e.g. Black Report.
   Include health inequalities

   See WA5 for quality of life; WM70 for quality of life in mental illness
   See W115 for epidemiological techniques; WX140 for assessment of need
   Classify assessment of client group need with the client group, e.g. WT310 for the elderly. See WLM145 for psychological assessment and measurement

OCCUPATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL HEALTH
THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

300 Occupational health, hygiene and disease. General works
   Classify with a particular disease, illness or hazard where possible, e.g. WN610 for radiation injury. See W210 and W214 for statistics; WLM228 for occupational stress; WLM900-910 for occupational psychology. WM31 for mental illness aspects

310 Occupational health services. Include health surveillance, pre-employment and routine health checks
   For mental health aspects see WM31

315 Student health services

320 NHS occupational health services

325 Occupational health nursing

332 Health and safety at work legislation. General works
   Classify with the specific hazard where possible, e.g. QA220 for VDU use and Eyesight. See W352-358 for common non-chemical hazards

333 Discussion of legislation
   See W375 for medico-legal aspects of occupational health.

345 Organisation of safety committees, representatives, Factory Inspectorate etc
350 Hazards. General works. Include lists of chemicals and other materials, e.g. sharps. Classify with the specific hazard where possible, or add first 3 letters of hazard to this number, e.g. asbestos W350ASB. For radiation hazards use WN620. See W67 for hazardous substances.

352 Air quality in the workplace. See W44 for general works on air pollution.

355 Industrial fatigue and its prevention. Shift work.


360 Occupational absenteeism. See also WX424 for personnel aspects and WY175 for absenteeism in nursing.

370 Occupational accidents. Include risk assessment and management. For accounts of major occupational accidents e.g. Bhopal; Buncefield use W425; for medico-legal aspects of compensation see WA370.

372 Occupational health aspects of lifting. Manual handling. Use for teaching health care staff, the public etc ‘how to lift’. Include lifting techniques. See W475 for back injuries.


380 Compensation for occupational injury and disease. See WA370 for medico-legal aspects of compensation.

385 Women’s occupational health.


**ACCIDENTS. ACCIDENT PREVENTION**

See W370 for occupational accidents. See WD411-497 for emergency medicine. Classify accidents and injuries by body part where possible.

400 Accident prevention. General works.

410 Disasters and disaster planning. General works. Include works on natural and man-made disasters, e.g. earthquakes, famine and the after-effects of war. Classify here comprehensive works and works on strategy and planning. Classify scientific/clinical works with the subject as follows: HM600 for acts of terrorism; QV663 for chemical warfare; QW300 for biological warfare and bioterrorism; W67 for chemical incidents; W130 for disease epidemics; WD452 for disaster medicine/relief; WLM824 for psychology of survivors; WM174 for post traumatic.
stress disorders; WN645 for radiation incidents; WN670 for nuclear warfare; WX820-25 for health services during war

415 Major disaster plans include plans against terrorist attacks

425 Accounts of major accidents and disasters, e.g. Moorgate, Flixborough, Hillsborough, Bhopal; Buncefield; 2006 Tsunami. For acts of terrorism use HM600

440 Transport and transport safety. General works and aspects not mentioned elsewhere See W67 for transportation of hazardous material; WN645 for transportation of radioactive waste. See WX548-585 for hospital transport and ambulance services

450 Road traffic accidents

460 Prevention of traffic accidents and protective measures, e.g. seat-belts

470 Fire
   See JD30 for the fire service

475 Fire in institutions
   Include evacuation plans

480 Prevention of fires and protective measures, e.g. extinguishers, smoke detectors

490 Accidents in the home
   Include works on household items as causative agents

495 Prevention and protective measures

497 Other accidents, e.g. water-related

HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION
Classify here works that deal with the education of the public, individuals or groups in better health and the prevention of disease. See also W600-650 for patient education. See also with each disease for works on prevention intended for the public.

500 Health promotion and education. General works
   See QT200 for general works on health and well-being

505 Health professionals as health educators

510 Organisations, e.g. Health Development Agency
Accident Prevention. Health Promotion

520  Teaching techniques. Teaching manuals for the health education professional

521  Health promotion as a profession. Careers

545  Education and training of health educators and health promotion personnel

HEALTH PROMOTION IN OPERATION

550  General works. Include popular works on staying healthy. Include Healthy Living Centres.
Classify works on a specific subject with the subject

555  School texts
   Include only works aimed at school children, see W520 for teachers’ manuals
   See WS for works on children’s health in general

560  Specific health promotion campaigns

565  Personal hygiene

570  Physical fitness. Exercise

580  General works on the evaluation of health promotion campaigns
   Classify works on specific campaigns with the subject

PATIENT EDUCATION
Classify here works that deal with the education of patients and their families to help them cope
with the effects of a disease or disability. See also health promotion at W500-580. See also
with each disease for popular works intended for the patient.

600  Patient education. General works

620  Teaching techniques for the patient educator. Evaluation of patient education

640  Patient education as a profession

645  Education and training of patient education personnel

650  Associations and organisations. Include self-help groups, medical and general
   Classify material on specific organisations with the disease or disability
   Concerned. See HV170 for self-help groups in social welfare