2024 EH Scan



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH SCAN

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 <u>Outdoor air</u> <u>Radon, Other</u> 	 <u>Flooding</u> <u>Sea level rise</u> <u>Wildfires, Other</u> 	 <u>Animal vectors</u> <u>Insect vectors</u> <u>Pests, Other</u>
 FOOD Food safety Food security Growing food, Other 	 BUILT ENVIRONMENT Green& blue spaces Housing Noise Planning & design Transportation, Other 	PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDAMENTALS • Communication • Health promotion • Health impact assessment • Health equity • One Health, Other
WATERDrinking waterRecreational waterSmall water systemsWastewater, Other	NON-CLIMATE RELATED DISASTERS Earthquakes Marine Terrestrial, Other TIONS (children, Indigenous People)	OTHER TOPICS Cannabis products Tobacco, nicotine products Ionizing, non-ionizing radiation Personal services establishments, Other

Environmental Health (EH) Research Scan: Aims and scope

NCCEH's EH Research Scan aims to expand awareness of topics in environmental health, in line with <u>NCCEH's vision</u> to be the indispensable online resource for environmental health practitioners and policy-makers across Canada. This research scan is not peer reviewed; it does not cover all research, news, and information, and NCCEH is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases. Not all links are open access; some are abstract links where paid journal subscription is required.



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FEATURED PICKS FROM 2023

2024 Core competencies for public health in Canada [blog]. National Collaborating Centres for Public Health

The National Collaborating Centres for Public Health are committed to seeking input from a broad and diverse range of perspectives that make up the public health community in Canada. This project will engage and collaborate with key public...

Staying current with Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines [blog]. Juliette O'Keeffe, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

Staying up to date with changes to Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines (CDWG) can be challenging for those involved in the assessment of drinking water quality and management of drinking water supplies.

Identifying health priorities in sea level rise adaptation planning [evidence review]. Tracey Wade, CLIMAtlantic in partnership with NCCEH

This report sought to understand how health could be better considered in adaptation planning for sea level rise.

A synthesis of project findings: sea level rise and public health implications [evidence brief]. Tracey Wade, CLIMAtlantic in partnership with NCCEH

This project considered the potential direct and indirect health impacts of sea level rise on coastal communities, and how better to incorporate health considerations into adaptation planning.

Psychosocial impacts of disasters: resources for mitigation, response and recovery [subject guide].

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This topic page introduces concepts of community resilience and well-being and the types of interventions that can be used pre- and post-disaster to build resilience; lists tools and other resources; and provides examples of long-term psychosocial monitoring studies.

Cyanobacteria in fresh water [subject guide]. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

The resources presented are intended to assist public health practitioners to be aware of the health effects that may arise from exposure to cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins; understand what is known about exposure to cyanotoxins in different...















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Extreme heat [subject guide]. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

This guide aims to provide a list of curated resources about preparing for and responding to extreme heat events. The sections list resources directed at individuals, households, communities, public health professionals and policy-makers, and risk communication for extreme heat events are also shared.

The health impacts of drought [subject guide]. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

The resources presented provide information for monitoring and forecasting drought across Canada, as well as the connection between drought and human health. Adaptation strategies for drought are also highlighted.

Preventing indoor overheating [subject guide]. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

The resources listed are intended to help environmental public health professionals improve their understanding of infrastructural and behavioural risk factors that contribute to indoor overheating in Canada and the strategies that can mitigate these risks.

Wildfire, smoke, and health [subject guide].

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

The resources listed are intended to assist public health practitioners, decision -makers, and the public by providing guidance regarding public health impacts, community preparedness, risk communication and response to wildfires and wildfire smoke.

Rapid review: What is the evidence for the effectiveness of public health interventions, and their potential unintended consequences, to reduce the direct and indirect health impacts of exposure to wildfires, including wildfire smoke and combined heat-wildfire smoke events? National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

There is limited evidence evaluating the effectiveness of public health interventions on...

Floods: prevention, preparedness, response and recovery [subject guide]. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

This topic page provides a collection of key resources on preventing extreme flooding and mitigating its risks, as well as resources to assist during the response and recovery phases.















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Reflections on supporting community psychosocial well-being after a flood [blog].

Maxine Myre and Nicole Glen, PolicyWise for Children and Families

In this blog, we summarize our webinar panel discussion in which we dialogued with four disaster recovery professionals about their experiences of supporting mental health and psychosocial recovery across Canada.

Mould: assessment, remediation and building for resilience [subject guide]. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

Public health inspectors and other environmental health professionals may be tasked with addressing public inquiries about indoor mould, conducting walk-through investigations, and/or reviewing microbial laboratory reports from surface or air sampling.

Earthquake resources for environmental public health professionals [subject guide]. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

This subject guide addresses the specific tools that EPH professionals may require to prepare for and respond to a catastrophic earthquake. Each of the sections offers resources to support EPH practice areas, including assessing public health needs...

Ticks in a changing climate [brochure]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

This easy-to-reference resource summarizes how best to design and manage outdoor environments to reduce tick habitat, and outlines steps one should take to reduce the risk of getting bitten by a tick when recreating or working outdoors. It is intended for parks professionals and users, landscape designers, and residential property owners.

Ticks in a changing climate: resources for environmental health professionals [subject guide] National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

The resources listed are intended to assist Environmental Public Health Professionals understand and address the changing risk of tick-borne disease transmission in Canada.

Reducing tick-related risks through improved design and maintenance in outdoor environments [blog]. Negar Elmieh, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

This blog summarizes the key messages from a <u>series of NCCEH evidence-based reviews</u>, a <u>fact sheet</u>, and an accompanying <u>webinar</u> examining tick-related risks in parks and recreational areas.















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Urban rewilding and public health considerations [evidence brief]. Leah Rosenkrantz, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

Given the close proximity of dense population centers to urban rewilding initiatives, it is important to consider the ways in which urban rewilding might impact human health...

Bed bugs back in view [blog].

Juliette O'Keeffe, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

This blog provides some context to this issue and highlights recent information and resources for environmental public health professionals (EPHPs), including an updated <u>NCCEH subject guide on bed bugs</u>.

Bed bugs [subject guide].

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The resources listed are intended to provide information **on** bed bug identification and prevention, advice on managing infestations in specific settings, the possible health effects of bed bugs, and the use of various control measures, including pesticides.

Foodborne illness outbreaks: recommendations for collaborative investigations [evidence review]. Ken Diplock in partnership with NCCEH

This is the third of three documents that explore the collaborative investigation of FBI outbreaks in Canada, emphasizing the role of Environmental Public Health Professionals.

Black garlic: food safety considerations during production and storage [evidence review]. Tina Chen, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

This evidence brief will discuss the potential food safety risks associated with the production of black garlic and how to mitigate these risks.

Pulsed electric fields: a potential alternative technology for parasite control in fish [evidence brief]. Tina Chen, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

High-intensity pulsed electric fields is one of the non-thermal food processing technologies that holds the most promise in its ability to inactivate parasites in fish and retain sensory properties comparable to fresh fish, which is desired by consumers...



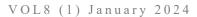














These monthly Research Scans highlights recent environmental health publications by topic and provides easy access to article abstracts and report summaries to support public health professionals, researchers, planners, students, and others working in public health.

Videos and Tools

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NCCEH has resources on dozens of important environmental health topics presented in various forms including Evidence Reviews, Evidence Briefs and Research Scans, Subject Guides, Blogs, Webinar Recordings, and Videos and Tools. Please see this page for more information concerning these document types.

Upcoming Webinars, Webinar Recordings National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

The NCCEH Environmental Health webinars enable sharing and exchanging of knowledge for environmental health professionals through online presentations on current and emerging topics.

Fermented foods safety guidance: a new resource for public health practitioners [blog]. Kelsey James

The guidance website is a tool that can be used by PHIs, food safety staff, and owners and operators of food processing facilities.

Avian influenza A(H5N1) and the continuing outbreak [evidence brief]. Juliette O'Keeffe, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

Environmental public health practice has an important role to play in delivering on a One Health approach by: leading on risk communication to the public and high-risk groups; identifying important environmental drivers of transmission...

Alternative disposition services: green burial, alkaline hydrolysis and human composting [evidence review]. Juliette O'Keeffe (right) - Knowledge Translation Scientists, NCCEH

Public interest in new ways to dispose of human remains (alternative disposition services), is growing, driven in part by consumer demand for more sustainable funeral options. Alternatives include green burial, alkaline hydrolysis, and human composting.

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