

**Gateways:**

Google Directory Consumer Information

[http://directory.google.com/Top/Home/Consumer\\_Information/](http://directory.google.com/Top/Home/Consumer_Information/)

FirstGov for Consumers

<http://www.consumer.gov/>

Consumer Action

<http://www.consumer-action.org/>

Federal Citizen Information Center

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/>

**Product recalls, product safety:**

US Consumer Product Safety Commission

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

Consumer Reports

<http://www.consumerreports.org/>

SafetyAlerts.com

<http://www.safetyalerts.com/>

**Food and Health**

Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) Home Page

<http://www.cspinet.org/>

CSPInot | The truth about the Center for Science in the Public Interest

<http://www.cspinot.com/>

www.FoodSafety.gov - Gateway to Government Food Safety Information

<http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

**Price comparison sites and online shopping**

My Simon

<http://www.mysimon.com/>

BizRate.com

<http://www.bizrate.com/>

DealTime

<http://www.dealtime.com/>

National Consumer League

<http://www.nclnet.org/welcome.html>

### **Print bibliography:**

The most up-to-date consumer information, especially product recalls, has pretty much moved to the web, so you will not be likely to find it in print in the library. Instead the library has items like handbooks and manuals, which do not go out of date as fast. There are also specialized guides on topics such as home buyers' inspections, SUVs, and health care.

Some subject headings to find consumer information in Linkcat are:

- Consumer protection
- Food adulteration and inspection
- Product obsolescence
- Product recall
- Product safety
- Quality of products

These terms can be used in the exact subject heading search. Searching consumer as a keyword in title gets over 800 hits, which is probably more than you want to deal with; a better search is to try approaches such as combining Consumers and handbook or manuals in title words.\_

### **Some titles in LinkCat:**

The food safety information handbook / Cynthia A. Roberts.  
Oryx Press, 2001. xi, 312 p. ; 26 cm.

Get what you pay for, or don't pay at all / Donna McCrohan.  
Crown Trade Paperbacks, c1994. xi, 260 p. ; 24 cm.

The consumer protection manual / Eiler, Andrew.  
Facts on File, c1984. 658 p. ; 26 cm.

Another trick for searching LinkCat for consumer protection information is to look for some of the agencies whose web sites we have looked at as authors. Using the word Consumers as an author gets publications by the Consumers Union and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, for example, (although many of these are older). Consumer Reports also publishes buying guides that you will find in LinkCat, using the company name as an author.