INTERNET RESOURCE: REFERENCE USA

Need to find a phone number, a list of businesses in your area, or even doctors within a specialty? Try Reference USA, an Internet-based database. Think of Reference USA as a directory of businesses or residents in the United States and Canada, similar to the phone book, but with more information.

Find Reference USA on the State Library web site: http://www.njstatelib.org/Electronic_Resources/. Click By Title, O-R and scroll down to any Reference USA link. At the prompt, enter your State Library barcode number and hit Enter.

In the database, choose categories on the left side of Reference USA’s home page and begin searching.

Categories you can choose are:
- U.S. and Canadian businesses
- Corp Tech
- HealthCare
- Employers USA
- New Businesses – businesses added weekly
- U.S. and Canadian residential
- New movers
- New homeowners – updated weekly

You can either print or download up to 25 records per search. Check the box in front of the names you want to print or download. Choose summary (mailing information), the full detailed record, or for U.S. businesses you can specify particular fields you want to download.

For additional assistance contact refdesk@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640 ext. 103.

Reference USA offers several ways to search.
Use Quick Search when you are sure of the name of the business or resident.
Use Custom or Guided Search to generate lists of businesses or residents or to locate businesses and residents you want to target.

Note: Guided Search is available for U.S. businesses, new movers and new homeowners.
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DIVORCE IN NEW JERSEY: A SELF-HELP GUIDE

Divorce can be an anxiety provoking experience, but this anxiety is lessened when you have access to good information. Divorce in New Jersey: A Self-Help Guide is an excellent resource to help you make informed decisions about a process that can impact the rest of your life.

Located in the New Jersey State Library’s law section, this divorce manual offers a “one-stop shopping” approach to information regarding divorce, including the necessary sample forms. It has careful, step-by-step instructions on everything from gathering records to preparing and serving the divorce complaint. The detailed table of contents serves as a quick reference guide for locating answers on individual issues regarding divorce.

If the divorce filing results in a court hearing, the manual devotes an entire chapter to how to prepare for trial along with how to subpoena witnesses and how to decide what documentation is necessary to bring to your trial.

Locate the book through the State Library catalog at www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk.

For assistance contact reflaw@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640 ext. 102.

The manual’s comprehensive appendix contains sample forms for the divorce litigant. While not a “fill in the blank” packet of forms, these sample forms do offer a clear representation of exactly how the document is to appear when recreated on your word processor.

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Units of Measurement Conversion
http://people.virginia.edu/~rmf8a/convert.html. This site offers you conversions for temperature, length/distance, area, weight, volume, energy, force, power or pressure. It’s easy to navigate and covers the common units of measure as well as some that are not so common (like myriagrams or joules).

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