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Revealing Trans Fat...

You hear about it everywhere, but what exactly is trans fat? Trans fat is added to food to increase food shelf life and stabilize its flavor, but it also increases the risk of heart disease. Get tips on how you can reduce your intake with **Revealing Trans Fats** on page 6. Review the easy-to-understand chart listing the fat content of some common foods, including potato chips, cookies, milk, and cake.





There's No Business Like Small Business...

If you're considering starting a small business, take a virtual course in the comfort of your own home. On page 12, you'll find several valuable CD-ROMs to help you get on track. Hear lectures from five IRS presenters on the **Virtual Small Business Workshop** CD-ROM. Listen as IRS professionals give you the reasons why and how to file your taxes electronically. Get even more information with Introduction to Federal Taxes for Small Business Owners and **Self-Employed** and the **Small Business Resource Guide 2004**. Find out how to comply with IRS rules and regulations, fill out tax forms, prepare a business plan, and much more.

Boning Up on Osteoporosis...

Did you know that 25 million Americans suffer from osteoporosis each year? Osteoporosis is a disease that causes bones to become fragile and break easily because your "bank account" of bone tissue has dropped to a low level. Learn more about this disease and what you can do with **Boning Up on Osteoporosis** on page 7. Find out how making lifestyle changes, such as taking more calcium and vitamin D while increasing your physical activity, can help you build and maintain bone mass.



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Buying a New Car. Here's a step-by-step guide that is a helpful tool for bargaining with dealers. 2 pp. (1999. FTC) **301L. \$1.00.**

Buying a Used Car. Discusses your limited rights when buying from a dealer or private owner. 16 pp. (1998. FTC) **302L. \$1.00.**

Finding the Best Used Car. Covers what to look for on the test drive, warning signs of hidden damage, and how to verify the car's history. 10 pp. (2001. NHTSA) 509L. Free.

Glove Box Tips. Six booklets to help you get your car ready for summer and winter driving, choose the right repair shop, and get the best work from your mechanic. 19 pp. (2002. FCIC) **310L. \$1.00.**

How to Find Your Way Under the Hood & Around the Car. Instructions for 14 preventive maintenance services you can perform on your car. 2 pp. (2002. FCIC) 308L. \$1.00.

How to Get a Great Deal on a New Car. Step-by-step details for a proven negotiation technique to save money on your next car. 4 pp. (2000. USDA) 305L. \$1.00.

Nine Ways to Lower Your Auto Insurance Costs. Helpful tips on reducing your expenses. Includes a chart to compare discounts. 2 pp. (2003. USDA) 307L. \$1.00.

A Primer On Gasoline Prices. How prices are determined, what causes them to fluctuate, and why they differ according to region. 7 pp. (2003. DOE) 637L. Free.

Taking the Scare Out of Auto Repair. Keep your car running smoothly with these practical tips on spotting trouble, choosing a repair shop, and working with your mechanic. 15 pp. (1996. FTC) 306L. \$1.00.

U.S. Government Auto Auctions. Explains the General Services Administration (GSA) Auto Auctions program, with a quick and handy checklist on how to buy a car. 5 pp. (2004. GSA) **657L. Free.**

 Also check out "Guide to Federal Government Sales" on page 5.

Understanding Vehicle Financing. Get the facts on dealership financing—what it is, how you apply, special financing offers, cash back and rebates you may be eligible for, and more. 10 pp. (2002. FTC) 312L. \$1.00.

computers

Internet Auctions: A Guide for Buyers and Sellers. Find out how Internet auctions work, payment options, and how to protect yourself. 18 pp. (2000. FTC) **347L. \$1.00.**

Shop Safely Online. Is it really safe? Here are the facts about buying over the Internet and how to protect yourself. 2 pp. (1999. FTC) **348L. \$1.00.**

Site-Seeing on the Internet. How to navigate the Internet, learn the local customs and lingo, and know what to avoid during your travels. 11 pp. (1998. FTC) **349L. \$1.00.**

education

Educational Poster on Water Pollution. This 17" x 11" poster explains where our drinking water comes from, potential threats to the safety of our water, and what is being done to protect it. (2002. EPA) **590L. Free.**

Financial Planning for College. Strategies to help you plan for tuition and fees, along with helpful charts for estimating future costs. 10 pp. (2001. TREA) **510L. Free.**

GED Information Bulletin. Explains the content of the GED Tests, how to prepare for them, and how to get more information. 16 pp. (2002. FCIC) **604L. Free.**

Nontraditional Education: Alternative Ways to Earn Your Credentials. Get high school or college credit through the GED program, the National External Diploma program, correspondence and distance study, and standardized tests. 13 pp. (1996. DOL) 101L. \$3.00.

Walk on the Wild Side: Explore Your Public Lands Activity Book. Go wild with fun activities designed to help children in grades 3-5 learn more about the fish, wildlife, and plants that inhabit America's public lands. 37 pp. (2001. DOI) 594L. Free.

employment

Apprenticeships: Career Training, Credentials—and a Paycheck in Your Pocket. Apprenticeships are available in more than 850 occupations. Learn how they work and how to choose the best program for you. 20 pp. (2002. DOL) 102L. \$3.75.

Employment Interviewing. Gives useful advice on what to do before, during, and after a job interview. Includes tips about job fairs. 9 pp. (2000. DOL) **103L. \$1.75.**

High Earning Workers Who Don't Have a Bachelor's Degree. Identifies 50 occupations requiring less than a bachelor's degree. 9 pp. (1999. DOL) 105L. \$3.50.

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Occupational Outlook Quarterly. Reviews new occupations, salaries, job trends, and more. 1-year subscription, 4 issues. (DOL) 250L. \$15.00.

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family

Catch the Spirit: A Student's Guide to Community Service. Ideas and information on how young people can help make their community a better place. 15 pp. (2002. FCIC) 501L. Free.

Fun Play, Safe Play. Discover the importance of play in your child's learning and development. Suggests toys for different ages. 18 pp. (1998. CPSC) 503L. Free.

Got a Sick Kid? Follow these tips whenever giving medication, and use the recommended vaccine schedule to protect against 12 major childhood diseases. 3 pp. (2003. FDA) 506L. Free.

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Kids and Their Bones: A Parents' Guide. Taking care of your child's bones now can protect against later fractures and possible osteoporosis. Learn about the factors that may affect the health of your child's bones. 11 pp. (2002. NIAMS) 504L. Free.

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Guide to Federal Government Sales. Explains how to buy homes, cars, and other property from 20 federal sales programs. 32 pp. (2003. GSA) **112L. \$3.25.**

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National Sellers List. List of addresses and phone numbers for dealers who sell real estate and personal property that have been forfeited to federal law enforcement agencies. 8 pp. (2002. DOJ) **319L. \$1.00.**

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benefits

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Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents. Explains disability, pension, health care, education and housing loans, and other benefit programs for veterans and their families. 120 pp. (2004. VA) 113L. \$7.00.

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Social Security: Understanding the Benefits. Provides details on retirement, disability, survivor's benefits, Medicare coverage, Supplemental Security Income, and more. 21 pp. (2004. SSA) 518L. Free.

Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know. Discusses how a woman's benefits may be affected by disability, divorce, widowhood, retirement, or other circumstances. 18 pp. (2003. SSA) 519L. Free.

food

Can Your Kitchen Pass the Food Safety Test? Take the 10-point quiz on food storage, handling, and cooking to protect your family from food-borne illnesses. 4 pp. (1999. FDA) 538L. Free.

Cooking for Groups: A Volunteer's Guide to Food Safety. Whether it's a family reunion or community cookout, learn how to cook and serve food safely and avoid food-borne illness. 40 pp. (2001. FSIS) 539L. Free.

Diabetes Recipes. Five tasty, simple recipes for people with diabetes. Nutrition facts for each dish help you keep track of what you are eating. 5 pp. (2002. FDA) **565L. Free.**

Eat Right to Help Lower Your High Blood Pressure. Lists menu ideas and recipes to help you control your weight and high blood pressure. 30 pp. (1995. NIH) 116L. \$4.25.

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Food Allergies: When Food Becomes the Enemy. Find out more about food allergies, what causes them, how to manage them, and more. 6 pp. (2002. FDA) 522L. Free.

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Growing Older, Eating Better. Discusses the causes of poor nutrition and how it can be improved. 5 pp. (2001. FDA) **553L. Free.**

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Aspirin for Reducing Your Risk of Heart Attack and Stroke. It can have significant benefits and serious side effects—get the facts and speak to a health professional first. 3 pp. (2003. FDA) 551L. Free.

Buying Prescription Medicines Online: A Consumer Safety Guide. Here's a helpful list of do's and don'ts when shopping for medications over the Internet. 5 pp. (2002. FDA) 526L. Free.

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A Story of Bipolar Disorder (Manic-Depressive Illness): Does This Sound Like You? Mood swings can be a serious problem. Read this story for more on symptoms, causes, and treatment. 20 pp. (2003. NIMH) 638L. Free.

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Borrower's Guide to Home Loans. How to find the best loan for your needs when shopping for home equity loans and reverse mortgages. 16 pp. (2002. FTC) 595L. Free.

Don't Be A Victim of Loan Fraud. Be a smart consumer when buying or refinancing. Use these 11 tips to learn more about predatory lending, recognize tactics that predators use, identify warning signs of fraud, and more. 5 pp. (2003. HUD) **605L. Free.**

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Putting Your Home on the Loan Line is Risky Business. Before getting a home equity loan, explore your options, comparison shop, be aware of questionable lender practices, and know your rights. 4 pp. (2003. FRB) 323L. \$1.00.

Twelve Ways to Lower Your Homeowners Insurance Costs. Practical tips and phone numbers of state insurance departments for more information. 4 pp. (1995. FCIC) 335L. \$1.00.

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Am I Covered? Answers 15 common questions regarding homeowners insurance and explains what is covered in a standard policy. 9 pp. (1997. USDA) . \$1.00.

Cooling Your Home Naturally. Helpful ways to save electricity and keep your home cool with landscaping, roof treatments, shading, and windows. 8 pp. (1994. DOE) 127L. \$2.00.

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Healthy Lawn, Healthy Environment. Tips on lawn care, including soil preparation, watering, mowing, using pesticides, and choosing a lawn care service. 19 pp. (1992. EPA) **338L. \$1.00.**

How to Prune Trees. Illustrated guide shows what to do, what not to do, tools to use, and when to trim to produce healthy, strong trees. 30 pp. (1995. USDA) 129L. \$2.00.

In Home Electrical Safety Check. Quick, easy tips to make your home safe from electrical hazards. 21 pp. (2004. CPSC) 661L. Free.

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