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SAFEASSIGN STUDENT GUIDE

SafeAssign is a plagiarism prevention service offered by Blackboard. This service helps educators prevent plagiarism by detecting unoriginal content in student papers. In addition to acting as a plagiarism deterrent, it also has features designed to educate students about plagiarism and the importance of proper attribution of any borrowed content.

HOW SAFEASSIGNMENTS WORK

SafeAssign compares submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the assignment and existing works. SafeAssign is based on a unique text matching algorithm capable of detecting exact and inexact matching between a paper and source material. SafeAssignments are compared against several databases, including documents available for public access on the Internet, articles from the ProQuest ABI/Inform database (updated weekly), institutional document archives, and a global reference database of papers volunteered by students.

SUBMIT A SAFEASSIGNMENT

1. From the “Assignments” content area within a course, select the SafeAssignment and click View/Complete.



SafeAssign Assignment #1

Students click this link to submit their papers to check for plagiarism.
>> [View/Complete](#)

2. The Upload SafeAssignment page will appear.
3. Complete the page using the sample below as a guide.
4. Click Submit.

The screenshot shows the SafeAssignment submission interface. A legend on the right maps colors to field descriptions:

- Green:** Assignment Information, Instructions, Your Files, Global Reference Database.
- Blue:** File To Attach.
- Grey:** Global Reference Database (checkbox area).

Assignment Information: Name (Assignment Title), Instructions (Click the link below to upload your assignment).

Your Files: Comments, File To Attach (Browse button).

Global Reference Database: Submitting to the SafeAssign Global Reference Database allows papers checked against your paper to protect the originality of your work across the Global Reference Database. [Learn more...](#)

I agree to submit my paper to the Global Reference Database.

Submit: Click Submit to finish. Click Cancel to quit.

Buttons: Cancel, Submit.

VIEW SUBMISSIONS

1. From the “Assignments” content area within a course, select the SafeAssignment and click View/Complete.
2. The submission will appear.
3. Select SA Report to view the full SafeAssign report.

SA Report



INTERPRET SAFEASSIGN ORIGINALITY REPORT

The SafeAssign report details the percentage of text in the submitted paper that matches existing sources. It also shows the suspected sources of each section of the submitted paper that returns a match. Because SafeAssign identifies all matching blocks of text, it is important to read the report carefully and investigate whether or not the block of text is properly attributed. Overall score is an indicator of what percentage of the submitted paper matches existing sources. This score is a warning indicator only and papers (particularly those with scores above 15%) should be reviewed to see if the matches are properly attributed.

The following sample page shows how to find information in the SafeAssign report:

Paper Information
Author: Todd Moe C1
Title: sample doc 1.htm
Matching: 100%

Suspected Sources
Click on a source to view the original, or click on the magnifying glass to see the source highlighted in the text below.
Highlight All Unhighlight All
1 http://www.mydropbox.com/get_paper2.php?id=173022&digest=e7
2 <http://www.netessays.net/viewpaper/27185.html>
3 http://www.mydropbox.com/get_paper2.php?id=173023&digest=aa
4 <https://the-innovation-group.com/ChemProfiles/Calcium%20Chloride.htm>
5 <http://www.peterschemical.com/Calcium%20Chloride.htm>
6 http://www.dchem.co.kr/english/product/p_basic/p_basic.html
7 <http://www.caliumchloride.com/concrete.shtml>
Re-process the paper without the selected sources

The **Matching Score** shows the percentage of material (including citations) that matches existing sources.

Click on each **suspected source** to view the original material.

Click the **magnifying glass** to highlight the matching text in a matching color.

The **Paper Text** is the actual text from your submitted paper.

Paper Text
Click on the text to see more info about the source.
1 [Ampliump](#) in the 1930s, down in the Southern United States, was not
2 Calcium chloride is used for such things as dust control, road deicing, and to assist in oil and gas drilling. It is easily manufactured for a variety of
sources: underground brines in Michigan, a by-product of hydrochloric acid streams, and soda ash can harbor calcium chloride. For years the market was
supplied by three major manufacturers: Dow Chemical, General Chemical, oversupply and poor prices. These companies already produced roughly
1995, Ambar Incorporated decided that they were going to enter the calcium
chloride market. It was a success. The market was very large and the company failed. (paper mill)
4 In recent years, the market demand for calcium chloride has shifted. Consumption within the largest market segment, deicing, is heavily dependent on
weather conditions. A sharp decline in this market has occurred over recent years as a succession of mild winters lowered demand. Deicing consumption
is expected to remain relatively flat in the future. The market for calcium chloride is expected to remain relatively flat in the future. The market for calcium
chloride is expected to remain relatively flat in the future. The market for calcium chloride is expected to remain relatively flat in the future.

Numbers indicate which suspected sources the text matches. The highlighting is color-coded to match a suspected source.

Click a highlighted sentence to view the URL of the matching source material, the percentage of similarity, and a comparison of the sentences.

URL: <https://the-innovation-group.com/ChemProfiles/Calcium%20Chloride.htm>
Matching: 100%

Uploaded Manuscript: A sharp decline in this market has occurred over recent years as a succession of mild winters lowered demand
Internet Source: A sharp decline in this market has occurred over recent years as a succession of mild winters lowered demand

You can find more information on SafeAssign through the School of Nursing's [Office of Learning Technology site](#).