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New website helps architects and engineers assess safety risks

Are you an architect or an engineer who needs to assess the safety risk associated with a building design? Well, now there’s a new website that can help you.

The website, called SliDeRulE (http://www.constructionsliderule.org/) (Safety in Design Risk Evaluator), is intended to be used during a building’s design phase and was developed at Oregon State University with funding in part from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).
The site’s online risk evaluator can help you determine the safety risk associated with an entire building, a building system, or a design feature within the building. You can also compare designs and learn how a building’s design features increase or decrease injury risks.

For more information, check out SiDeRuLE at www.constructionsliderule.org. (http://www.constructionsliderule.org/)

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