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COVERAGE
Indexes about 3800 journals and chapters from 35,000 books published by Elsevier and specialist societies e.g. the British Trauma Society who publish the journal *Injury*. Ulster University staff and students may access the full-text of some of the journals and a few of the books. It is relevant for all faculties including Arts, Life and Health Sciences and Social Sciences.

ACCESS
- Log on to the Portal at [http://portal.ulster.ac.uk](http://portal.ulster.ac.uk)
- Wait for the Athens Authentication banner to drop down
- Select the **Library & ICT** tab.
- Select the Databases link, displayed under Key Services, on the right hand side of the screen. The A-Z listing of Library Databases is displayed on the screen.
- Click on **S** and scroll down to select **ScienceDirect**.

SEARCHING
Enter your search terms in the box provided.
A link to **Advanced search** is under the search box. This allows you to combine terms more accurately and to apply limits such as year, journals only.

A keyword should find the singular and plural of a word. It should also find both the European and American English spelling e.g. pediatric or paediatric. Use the asterisk * to get variant endings e.g. hypertens* will retrieve documents with hypertension or hypertensive.
Use “quotation marks” to search for a phrase e.g. “glucose monitoring”

Use the proximity operator by typing in the letter **W** followed by a forward slash / then the number of words the search terms can be separated by e.g. schizophrenia W/15 anxiety will find documents where they are within 15 words of each other.

Use Boolean logic combination terms:
  **AND** between words or phrases to find all in the same document e.g. schizophrenia AND anxiety
AND NOT to find the first keyword or phrase but exclude the second e.g. “Type 1 diabet*” AND NOT glucose
OR between words or phrases to find either in the same document e.g. “health promotion” OR “health education”

Use (brackets) to control the sequence of combinations. Combinations inside the brackets are made first then combined with search terms outside e.g. (hypertension OR diabetes) AND exercise W/5 weight

Click on the Search icon.

VIEWING RESULTS
Your results will be displayed as a list of references, with the total number of results found. Scroll down through items found.

To limit to a range of years year click in the box next to the year/s.
Apply filters to limit to particular content type e.g. journal. Much book content requires purchase to access.

Click on: Abstract to get more details of the article.

Click on PDF, if available, to open the full text of the document then save or print.
Advanced search. Click tab for Journals. Type search phrases or terms into separate boxes. Refine search to only journals where full text should be available – Subscribed; Open access. Type in year to start search from e.g. 2013.

Click on: Search
HELP
If you are having difficulty accessing full text off-campus take a look at the off campus guide [http://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/offcampus](http://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/offcampus)

For help with all aspects of literature searching, contact a member of the Library Life and Health Sciences subject team who will be happy to help.

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