
OHSAS 18001:2007

Health and safety at work

Many companies already have occupational health and safety management systems, demonstrating their commitment and outlining their approach to a healthy and safe workplace.

Now, business can adopt a pro-active approach, by developing their risk assessment and risk management system to conform to the OHSAS 18001 international standard.

What is OHSAS 18001?

OHSAS 18001 works on the same principle as the ISO standards, ISO 9001:2000 (Quality management) and ISO 14001 (Environment).

It follows the successful Plan-Do-Check-Act model. If a business already has ISO 9001:2000 in place, achieving OHSAS 18001 becomes much simpler.

Companies which hold the OHSAS 18001 Standard are proclaiming that they have taken all reasonable measures to minimize risks and prevent accidents.

As each organization is different, each will have different health and safety issues which need to be addressed. Existing systems are incorporated.

How can OHSAS 18001 help your business?

Implementing OHSAS 18001 provides your organization with preventive measures to protect your employees. In a world competing for skilled staff, this makes your business a more attractive choice.

You can make substantial savings by reducing and eliminating the likelihood of minor incidents, which cause disruption and delays in processing.

Long term disability is distressing for the employee, and can amount to a major cost for the employer. Being able to demonstrate that a policy and systems were in place, significantly reduces the likelihood of such events and provides framework for legal responsibilities.

Insurance companies recognize the Standard as a means of reducing risk, and hence premiums.

Prospective customers and supply chains perceive a valuable differentiating measure.

The Standard has been developed by an international committee of industry experts, saving time and effort on your part.

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Facts about OHSAS 18001:2007

"A rapidly growing number of companies is recognizing this standard as essential for international business. More and more buyers from Europe are short listing suppliers in developing countries on the basis of sound and safe working conditions"

What is OHSAS 18000?

OHSAS 18000 is an international occupational health and safety management system specification. It comprises two parts, 18001 and 18002 and embraces a number of other publications.

OHSAS 18001 is an Occupation Health and Safety Assessment Series for health and safety management systems. OHSAS 18002 provides guidelines for the implementation of OHSAS 18001.

When and How?

OHSAS 18001 was created in 1999 via a concerted effort from a number of the worlds leading national standards bodies, certification bodies, and specialist consultancies. OHSAS 18001:2007 is the newest updated version.

Organizations of all sizes and in any industry can adopt this standard.

Since OHSAS is closely aligned with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, an organization can integrate OSHAS 18001 with ISO 9001 and/or ISO 14001.

Why?

It is important to note that a certification will not eliminate all risks and does not release an organization from its obligation to fulfill any additional legal requirements. However companies which hold the OHSAS 18001 Standard are proclaiming that they have taken all reasonable preventive measures to ensure their employees, clients and all parties are exposed to as few risks as possible.

Implementation of the standards is intended to provide multiple benefits which include:

Reduced risk (via improved safety management of health and safety risks)

- Competitive advantage (via demonstration of commitment to health and safety)
- Improved performance (via improved operational efficiency through accident management reduction and reduced downtime)
- Reduced costs (via reduced insurance premiums, associated cost of downtime and compensation/penalties for breached legislation/etc).

Extra benefits for exporters from outside Europe:

- First and foremost, certification demonstrates that you are a serious company, conscious about your social responsibilities
- Increased credibility from having an OHS management system independently assessed
- Demonstration of an innovative and forward thinking approach.



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- Above all, certification opens more access to new customers and business partners. It acts as a positive forward messenger towards European buyers.

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