



OHSAS 18001 Safety Management Systems



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OHSAS 18001 is an Occupation Health and Safety Assessment Series for health and safety management systems. It is designed to help organisations control occupational health and safety risks in the workplace. It was developed in response to demand for a recognised standard, against which to be certified and assessed.

The OHSAS specification is applicable to any organisation that wishes to:

- Establish an Occupation Health and Safety (OH&S) management system to eliminate or minimise risk to employees and other interested parties who may be exposed to OH&S risks associated with its activities.
- Assure itself of its conformance with its stated OH&S policy
- Demonstrate such conformance to others
- Implement, maintain and continually improve an OH&S management system
- Make a self-determination and declaration of conformance with this OH&S specification.
- Seek certification/registration of its OH&S management system by an external organisation

Benefits of OH&S Management Systems:

Reduce the exposure of employees and other parties to occupational health and safety risks associated with the organisation's activities.

- Potential reduction in resultant costs
- Greater assurance of conformance with occupational health and safety policy
- Demonstration of conformance to third parties, and of due diligence generally
- Consistent and proven management approach to health and safety risks, present and future
- Deployment of method for continual improvement of the occupational health and safety management system

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