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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (OHSAS)

Why do I need OHSAS?

OHSAS 18001 is the only auditable international standard which defines the requirements for an Occupational Health & Safety Management System. The standard is designed to ensure the selection of adequate and proportionate OHS controls.

Who Needs it?

OHSAS 18001 is suitable for any organization, large or small, in any sector or in any part of the world. The standard is particularly suitable where the health of people and safety compliance is necessary.

OHSAS 18001 An overview?

OHSAS 18001 is a standard setting out the requirements for an Occupational Health & Safety Management System. It helps to identify, manage and minimize the range of hazards to which occupation is regularly subjected. The standard is designed to ensure the selection of adequate and proportionate controls and management of controls that protect against potential health and safety compliance, which gives confidence to interested parties including an organization's customers.

It is suitable for several types of organizational use, including the following:

- Formulation of objectives & programmes:
- > To ensure that Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) are cost effectively managed;
- To ensure compliance with legal and other requirements;
- > As a process framework for the implementation and management of controls to ensure that the specific HIRA of an organization are met;
- Identification and clarification of existing OHSAS management processes;
- To be used by management to determine the status of OHSAS activities;
- > To be used by internal and external auditors to determine the degree of compliance with the policies, directives and standards adopted by an organization;
- ➤ To provide relevant information about OHSAS policies, directives, standards and procedures to trading partners;
- > To provide relevant information about Occupational Health and Safety to customers.



How to go about OHSAS 18001:2007 Certification?

- Define the scope of the OHSAS.
- ➤ Define and document OHSAS Policy. This document addresses the issues like: Why is OHSAS important to you? Is there a particular HIRA, or other worries that concern you? What do you want to achieve, for example in terms of related Occupational Health & Safety? What do you believe is an acceptable level of risk? Are there any constraints, such as laws and regulations, or particular ways in which you wish to do things? And so on.
- Plan and carry out HIRA.
- > Then Develop the HIRA.
- Document a procedure or procedures related to HIRA
- Implement & subject the above to the PDCA cycle by conducting internal audits & apply improvements.
- > Obtain management approval of the proposed residual risks and authorization.



Certifying your Organization against OHSAS 18001:2007 can bring the following benefits to your organization:

- Commercial Credibility, Trust and Confidence
- Your employees occupational health and safety is amply taken care of.
- > Certification can help to set your company apart from your competitors and in the market place.
- Cost Savings :

The cost of a single accident can be significant; the cost of several could be catastrophic. An OHSAS reduces the risk of such costs being incurred and this is important to stakeholders and other investors in your business. Possible reduction in insurance premiums can also be realized.

Legal Compliance:

Certification demonstrates to competent authorities that the organization observes all applicable laws and regulations. In this matter, the standard complements other existing standards and legislation independently i.e. demonstrates that applicable laws and regulations are observed.

Commitment:

Certification helps to ensure and demonstrate commitment at all levels of the organization. Provides a competitive edge by meeting contractual requirements and demonstrating to your customers that the organization is Health and Safety conscious.

Operating Level Risk Management

Are you looking for OHSAS Certification?

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