

# OHSAS 18001:2007



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## Occupational, health and safety series management standard

### What is OHSAS 18001?

**OHSAS 18001** is an internationally recognised occupational, health and safety series (OHSAS) management standard. OHSAS 18001:2007 (current version of OHSAS 18001) provides a set of standardised requirements for an occupational health and safety management system (OHSMS).

OHSAS 18001 provides a framework for occupational health and safety management best practice to aid organisations to identify, minimise and control health & safety risks in the workplace, conform to Health & Safety legislation and protect the well-being of staff while at work.

Good health and safety management is critical for businesses to survive today's market

### How to establish an OHSAS 18001 Occupation health and safety management system?

To meet the requirements of OHSAS 18001 an organisation must;

- Formulate an Occupational, Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS) with the establishment of a occupational, health and safety (OHS) manual in which the scope of OHSMS is determined
- Establish an occupational, health and safety policy and OHS objectives and programmes
- Ensure document and record control
- Implement and maintain a procedure to identify hazards, assess risk and determine controls in the work place
- Maintain procedures to ensure applicable occupational, health and safety legislation is identified, communicated within and compliance assessed
- Define resources, roles, responsibilities, accountability and authority with regard to the OHSMS

- Implement an adequate occupational, health and safety communication, participation and consultation process
- Maintain good operational control
- Plan emergency preparedness and response
- Meet strict criteria in relation to incident investigation
- Identify and deal with OHS non conformities by applying corrective and preventative action
- Monitor and measure the occupational, health and safety performance of the organisation
- Audit the system and review the system at a management level periodically

### The benefits of OHSAS 18001 certification

By achieving certification to OHSAS 18001 your organisation will be able to reap numerous benefits;

- Improving corporate image and credibility among stake holders, regulators, customers, prospective clients and the public
- Adoption of international best practice in relation to risk management
- Ensure health and well-being of employees, sub-contractors and the public
- Minimisation of liability of employers through adoption of proactive rather than reactive controls
- Ensuring legislative awareness and compliance
- Reducing accident and incident rates by reducing and elimination workplace hazards
- Improving the incident investigation process
- Improving employee motivation through the provision of a safer workplace and participation process

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