

INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM --- OHSAS 18001:2007 ---

What is OHSAS 18001? : OHSAS 18000 is an international occupational health and safety management system specification. It comprises two parts, 18001 and 18002 and embraces BS8800 and a number of other publications.

Who Wrote It? : OHSAS 18001 was created via a concerted effort from a number of the world's leading national standards bodies, certification bodies, and specialist consultancies.

How can it help? : OHSAS helps in a variety of respects... it helps to: minimize risk to employees/etc; improve an existing OH&S management system; demonstrate diligence; gain assurance; etc. The benefits can be substantial

Policies and Procedures: Central to OHSAS requirements are strong policies and procedures. To assist in this respect, we can therefore offer a full code of practice.

Benefits of health and safety management systems

- Taking a systematic approach to safety management reduces the level of risk and ensures that you comply with legislations. This can positively influence your business:
- Improved health and safety performance by your business will reduce the costs associated with accidents and incidents.
- Improved awareness of regulatory requirements reduces the chance that you will commit any violations and pay penalties.
- If employees see that you are actively looking after their health and safety, relations and morale will improve.
- The public see that you are taking a responsible attitude towards your employees. This improves your image and helps generate positive PR for your business.
- Improving the efficiency of your business reduces your costs.
- You can demonstrate to your insurers that you are controlling risks effectively. This may help lower your insurance premiums.
- Banks and investors will be more willing to finance your business if you can show that it is managed safely.
- Business partners, larger companies and government agencies have more confidence in your business.
- Confidence in your management systems will be highest if you can demonstrate that you comply with recognized management standards