

Safety Management System Certification

OHSAS 18001 is a comprehensive, certifiable Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) management system specification, designed to enable organisations to control OH&S risks and improve its performance.

The development of safety management system, can make the management of Occupational health and safety more transparent and effective by translating risk assessments into action plans to achieve cost reduction in accidents.

Implementing a Safety Management System helps an organization in identifying Hazards and Risks involved in their work place and to prioritize their objectives towards incorporating safe working and reducing work environment risks. It reduces the number of personnel injuries through prevention and control of workplace hazards and the risk of major accidents; ensures a well-qualified and enthusiastic workforce by fulfillment of the increasing expectations of your employees; reduces the material loss caused by accidents and material loss caused by production interruptions. Serves the possibility for an integrated management system including quality, environment and health and safety ensuring that appropriate legislation is addressed and acted upon. Meeting the increasing importance of OH&S for public image and demonstrating legal compliance and also reducing the risk of potential litigation. It helps to reduce accidents and downtime. Gives access to new customers and partners who require suppliers to meet tender relevant criteria.

In almost all cases companies seek to have their system independently assessed. This enhances the credibility of any system.

- Registration to OHSAS 18001 by an accredited certification body such as Velosi shows a commitment to quality to customers, and a willingness to work towards improving efficiency levels.
- It demonstrates the existence of an effective OH&S management system that satisfies the rigours of an independent external audit.
- An OHSAS 18001 certificate enhances company image in the eyes of customers, employees and shareholders alike.
- It also gives a competitive edge to an organisation's marketing.

The implementation of a system takes time and commitment from senior management and has several key steps in the process, which include:

- Identify the requirements of OHSAS 18001 and how they apply to the business involved.
- Establish OH&S objectives and how they fit in to the operation of the business.
- Produce a documented OH&S policy indicating how these requirements are satisfied.
- Communicate the OH&S objectives throughout the organisation.
- Evaluate the OH&S policy, its stated objectives and then prioritise requirements to ensure they are met.
- Identify the boundaries of the management system and produce documented procedures as required.
- Ensure these procedures are suitable and adhered to.
- Once developed, internal audits are needed to ensure the system carries on working.



Once all these requirements are in place and each element of the OHSAS 18001 standard has been implemented, an external audit can be conducted.

The external audit should be carried out by an independent party such as Velosi

Velosi will initially carry out a review of the OH&S manuals and procedures. This processing involves looking at the company's evaluation of the written OH&S management system and ascertains if targets set for the management programme are measurable and achievable. This is followed at a later date, by an on-site audit of the complete system to ensure that working practices observe the procedures and stated objectives, and that appropriate records are kept.

After a successful audit, a certificate of registration to OHSAS 18001 will be issued. There will then be surveillance visits (usually once or twice a year dependent on the size of your company) by the certification body to ensure that the system is implemented on a continuous basis.

An OHSAS 18001 certificate issued by Velosi proves that your management system has been measured against a best practice standard and found compliant. Issued by a third party accreditation body, the certificate lets employees and other stakeholders know that you proactively protect the health and safety of your work force.

Velosi has a track record for excellent customer satisfaction for its certification services. Whether your company is a large multinational or a small local business, the stripping back on unnecessary bureaucracy and a personal approach means you will receive the same level of commitment and service.

Velosi Auditors have gained their experience in industry and are selected on their knowledge of the industry sector, so that they are able to understand your business fully. This ensures the audit process produces meaningful results and improvements to the business process.

Training

To maintain its independence, a separate division of Velosi provides professional training programmes in partnership with an international training organization using competent professionals in Safety Management System. Velosi also conducts its own auditor training programs like OHSAS 18001 Awareness training course, OHSAS 18001 Internal Auditor course, OHSAS 18001 Lead Auditor course and those registered with International Register for Certificated Auditors (IRCA). Additional information, including application forms and a list of our accredited scopes, can be found on our web site. We have designed our courses to provide you with the tools you need to make the most of your management system. To provide the best solutions, we offer both Public Courses and On-Site Training Options.

