



## How does it work?

The first step is to define the company's Occupational Health & Safety Policy, and clearly communicate it to the employees.

A Plan is then drawn up, which identifies the requirements of a particular business, determines criteria and responsibilities, timescales, and details how to measure performance.

IMSM's Assessors help to objectively identify hazards, assess risks, and draw up an Action Plan. Materials, machinery, processes, people, and premises can be included.

Legal requirements and approved codes of practice are of course identified. Manuals are drawn up, and there is a requirement to keep these up-to-date at all times. These will include what to do in an emergency, and contingency planning.

Continuous improvement is built in to the Standard, to ensure that the system is operating as intended, and new procedures have been incorporated.



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Business Manager

**235 fatal injuries  
at work\***

**30,666 reported serious  
injuries at work\***

**Two fifths of injuries  
caused by handling,  
lifting and carrying\***

**Prosecutions up by 6%  
on previous year\***

**Ill health accounts for  
around three-quarters  
of working days lost\***

\* Source: Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Statistics Highlights 2003/04



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**Managing the risks  
through OHSAS 18001**



## HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK

Many companies already have occupational health and safety management systems, demonstrating their commitment and outlining their approach to a healthy and safe workplace.

Now businesses can adopt a pro-active approach, by developing their risk assessment and risk management systems to conform to the OHSAS 18001 international standard.



### What is OHSAS 18001?

OHSAS 18001 works on the same principle as the ISO standards, ISO9001:2000 (Quality management) and ISO14001 (Environment).

It follows the successful Plan-Do-Check-Act model. If a business already has ISO9001:2000 in place, achieving OHSAS 18001 becomes much simpler.

Companies which hold the OHSAS 18001 Standard are proclaiming that they have taken all reasonable measures to minimise risks and prevent accidents.

As each organisation is different, so each will have different health and safety issues which need to be addressed. Existing systems are incorporated.

### How can OHSAS 18001 help your business?

Implementing OHSAS18001 provides your organisation with preventative measures to protect your employees. In a world competing for skilled staff, this makes your business a more attractive choice.

You can make substantial savings by reducing and eliminating the likelihood of minor incidents, which cause disruption and delays in processing.

Long term disability is distressing for the employee, and can amount to a major cost for the employer. Being able to demonstrate that a policy and systems were in place significantly reduces the likelihood of such events, and provides a framework for legal responsibilities.

Insurance companies recognise the Standard as a means of reducing risk, and hence premiums.

Prospective customers and supply chains perceive a valuable differentiating measure.

The Standard has been developed by an international committee of industry experts, saving time and effort on your part.

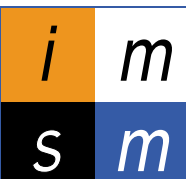


### How can IMSM help?

IMSM has been established for 10 years, adding value to businesses around the world through management systems leading to ISO and other internationally recognised standards. This experience helps streamline the process.

Experienced and qualified assessors work with your existing health & safety systems, developing them to conform to the OHSAS18001 Standard.

- IMSM will help you write the policy, plan the actions required, and document them accurately.
- You only pay a fixed fee, based on number of employees, for easier budgeting.
- Fees include preparation of manuals and certification audit by QAS International.
- Fast track programme, to suit your business needs.



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