



## **Occupational Health and Safety Management System Certification; OHSAS 18001 certification with Kiwa: reduce accidents, improve conditions and attract talent.**

Relevant to any organization of any size or sector.

When keeping employees safe and healthy is a priority, OHSAS 18001 certification is a good place to start, whether your organization is a multinational construction firm, a small manufacturer or a family farm.

The international standard OHSAS 18001 sets out a framework that lets you identify, control and decrease the risks associated with health and safety in the workplace. This helps you protect your employees and customers, showing your stakeholders that health and safety are a priority for your organization.

OHSAS 18001 focuses on risk management: by identifying potential hazards you can reduce the risk of workplace accidents and illnesses, ensuring your organization provides a safe working environment for employees. This helps you attract and retain the best talent, ensuring your business thrives now and in the future.

### **What you need to know**

OHSAS 18001 is suitable for any organization, big or small, in any industry, from production plant to restaurant. It sets out the requirements for an occupational health management system, asking you to assess and mitigate the risks in your workplaces. The standard also enables you to comply with national and international regulations. It is possible to integrate OHSAS 18001 with other international schemes, such as ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, helping you streamline your management processes.

### **Getting certified with Kiwa**

To operate successfully in today's employment economy, companies need to demonstrate their commitment to providing a safe and healthy working environment for their employees; certification can help you do this.

By partnering with Kiwa, you can use OHSAS 18001 certification to identify health and safety risks in your workplaces, reduce incidents and protect your employees, partners and visitors from potential hazards. Doing this can help you not only retain the employees you have, but also attract new talent.

OHSAS 18001 was most recently updated in 2015; if you were previously certified, you have until September 2018 to transition to the new standard. Kiwa can help you make the change – contact us to find out more.

### **USPs/benefits**

- *Create good working conditions* – by identifying and mitigating risks, you can use OHSAS 18001 to create better working conditions.
- *Reduce accidents and illnesses* – with OHSAS 18001 you can put a policy and processes in place that cut the number of work-related accidents and illnesses.
- *Reduce costs* – by reducing the number of incidents, working with OHSAS 18001 can also lead to reduced costs, through

lower employee absenteeism and lower insurance premiums.

- *Attract and retain talent* – with OHSAS 18001 you can build a working environment that attracts talented employees – and helps you retain them.
- *Comply with legislation* – OHSAS 18001 enables you to identify relevant legislation and make sure you are in compliance.
- *Build a health and safety culture* – by communicating your health and safety policy, you can engage employees in improving the organization's performance.
- *Demonstrate your commitment to corporate responsibility* – OHSAS 18001 certification shows your stakeholders that you take responsibility for the wellbeing of employees.
- *Improve your reputation* – with OHSAS 18001 certification you can differentiate yourself as an organization that prioritizes people.