# TÜV NORD CERT – Certification of occupational health & safety management systems according to BS OHSAS 18001

#### Work-related

accidents and illnesses often result from inappropriate behaviour and defects in the organisational structures within companies. Implementation of an occupational health and safety management system according to BS OHSAS (British Standard Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series) 18001 helps to correct shortcomings.

The system aims to protect the health and the lives of employees, and also limits liability risks for those responsible within the company, contributing to increased profitability and enhanced reputation.



Increasing numbers of customers and potential partners now set certification according to OHSAS as a requirement.

#### Target groups for certification

Introduction and certification of an occupational health and safety management system is suitable for organisations from all sectors. Because the standard applies worldwide, certification according to BS OHSAS 18001 is of particular benefit to companies who work internationally. In addition, it is recommended for implementation of an integrated management system in combination with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.

### Benefits of certification

Certified companies optimise their processes in the area of safety and health and therefore can expect fewer operational disturbances. Amongst other things, this leads to cost savings based on lower accident and illness rates, increased safety awareness on the part of employees and greater legal certainty for those responsible for safety within the company. In addition, successful certification enhances image and creates competitive advantages.



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#### Preconditions for certification

Use of the implemented safety and health management system according to the requirements of BS OHSAS 18001 is required over a period of at least three months prior to certification. Essential requirements include:

- Establishment/communication of the occupational health and safety policy, objectives and programmes
- Identification/evaluation of risks existing at the workplace
- Observance of the legislation related to occupational health and safety
- Determination of measures to be used in emergencies, risk avoidance measures
- Establishment/communication of responsibilities in the area of occupational health and safety
- Training/instruction of employees in matters relating to occupational health and safety
- Internal review and assessment of the occupational health and safety management system, along with continuous improvement

#### Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services throughout the world. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are in general permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality and also means that we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

#### The route to the certificate

Offer from TÜV NORD CERT based on the information provided

Order for certification

On-site assessment of current status

Stage 1 Audit: Establishment of readiness

Audit planning

Stage 2 Audit: Certification audit

Nonconformity management (in so far as is necessary)

Release of the certification process

Issue of certificate, annual surveillance audits

Extension of the validity of the certificate by 3 years by means of recertification audit

## Are you interested?

## Please send us your response by fax. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yes, I am interested in certification of occupational health and safety management systems according to BS OHSAS 18001. Please contact me.

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