

BS OHSAS 18001 Gap Analysis

Demonstrate your commitment to managing health and safety
Support and advice from Aviva Risk Management Solutions



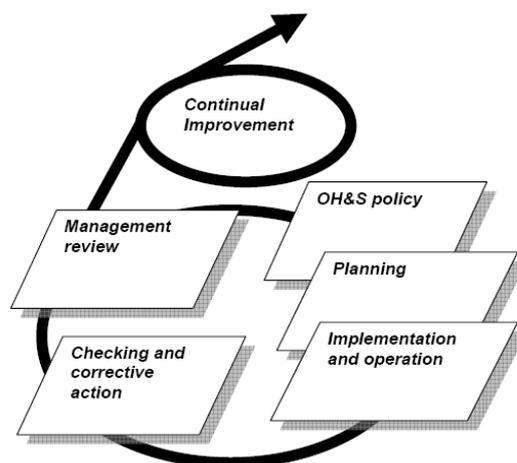
Background

The benefits gained from being able to demonstrate your organisation's commitment to the management of occupational health and safety are rising. Customers and stakeholders are increasingly looking for evidence of this when choosing between companies and occupational health and safety failures are also being more stringently enforced.

One very visible way of demonstrating your company's commitment to occupational health and safety is by achieving BS OHSAS 18001.

What is BS OHSAS 18001?

BS OHSAS 18001 is the internationally recognised standard for occupational health and safety management systems. It provides a flexible framework (as depicted below) that allows you to continuously identify and manage the health and safety risks faced by your business.



Why should I consider getting certification?

Certification of your management system to BS OHSAS 18001 demonstrates a robust approach to the management of health and safety risks. This brings with it the following potential benefits:

- Better management of health and safety risks because processes are streamlined and assured.
- Reduced accidents and work related ill-health and their resulting human and financial costs.
- Improved safety culture and staff morale.
- Legal and regulatory compliance demonstrated, helping to protect you from court proceedings.
- Improved stakeholder confidence in the organisation's ability to minimise losses.
- Competitive advantage secured because you can demonstrate your risks are under control.
- The system is compatible with other recognised management standards including ISO 9001 (Quality) and ISO 14001 (Environmental). This allows you to seamlessly integrate your health and safety management systems into existing management systems.



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How can we help you achieve OHSAS 18001 certification?

Getting the right advice is crucial to success. That's why the accrediting body, the British Standards Institution (BSI), created their Associate Consultant Programme. Aviva Risk Management Solutions (ARMS) are proud to be amongst the companies they put forward as having the expertise to offer advice and consultancy to organisations seeking to gain certification to BS OHSAS 18001.

Our five step BS OHSAS 18001 Certification service is designed to closely guide you through the process:

Step 1 One of our trained Lead Auditors will visit you to find out about your business and your plans to gain certification to BS OHSAS 18001. We will generate a tailored proposal to map out your path to success.

Step 2 Once this is approved our Lead Auditor will undertake a pre-certification gap analysis which will:

- Include an explanation of BS OHSAS 18001 and its requirements to your key staff.
- A detailed examination and verification of your existing management systems, comparing them to the BS OHSAS 18001 specification. We will identify areas of compliance and where change is necessary to comply with the specification.

Our auditor will prepare a detailed audit report to summarise their findings. It will include an action plan identifying what you need to do to bring your management system in line with BS OHSAS 18001.

Step 3 Our auditor will remain in contact providing support and guidance as you work through the action plan.

Step 4 When you feel ready to have your management system audited by BSI we can help here too. Your Auditor will be happy to explain the steps involved and the likely format on the BSI audit day. They can also help arrange the certification audit with BSI should you require it.

Step 5 Once you have secured your certification our commitment to you will not stop. We will remain in regular contact with you and can offer periodic compliance audits in between certification renewals to ensure that your management system remains effective and compliant with the standard.

Why choose ARMS?

- We are part of Aviva, the UK's largest insurer. Our wider business's success is built on our ability to evaluate the robustness of our clients' approach to managing risk.
- All our auditors have been trained as Lead Auditors and are Chartered Members of IOSH.
- ARMS is known for delivering first class health and safety training and consultancy to clients from a range of industry sectors.
- We provide our customers with free access to our on-line resources and reference materials as well as access to our Risk Helpline.
- Our financial security and status ensures you will have a partner for as long as you need us.



The ARMS training team

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