# ISO 45001 The What, Who, Why & How of Certification

### **WHAT IS ISO 45001?**

It's an international standard for occupational health and safety (OH&S) management that goes beyond the minimal regulatory compliance requirements. It was created as a consistent, systematic and proactive approach to increasing worker safety and reducing workplace risks, enabling an organization to proactively improve its OH&S performance.

This new standard gives safety an equal seat at the table alongside other management systems, such as, quality, data security, environmental and product safety, all of which have had international standards in place for some time.

### WHO DOES IT APPLY TO?

ISO 45001 applies to all organizations, regardless of industry, size or type of business. The standard's requirements follow the same structure as other ISO management system standards, such as ISO 9001 (quality management) and ISO 14001 (environmental management).

As long as your organization has people working on its behalf, or who may be affected by its activities, then using a systematic approach to managing safety and health not only applies, but will benefit your organization.

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# The 11 Success Factors of ISO 45001



- Top management leadership and accountability
- Top management promoting the OH&S system
- Communication
- Consultation of workers
- Resource allocation
- Safety policies that are compatible
- Hazard control/risk assessment
- Continual improvement/monitoring
- Integration of the OH&S system
- Safety objectives that align with policy and risks
- Legal compliance, e.g., OSHA



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## WHY GET CERTIFIED?

Developing and implementing an ISO 45001-based OH&S management system will enable your organization to improve its performance by helping you:

- Take into account risks, opportunities and legal requirements associated with your activities
- Establish operational controls to eliminate or manage risks, or put in controls to minimize their potential effects
- Evaluate your OH&S performance and find ways to improve it with appropriate actions
- Ensure workers are taking an active role in OH&S activities
- Show clients how seriously you take workplace safety and continuous improvement

These measures can have more direct benefits for your organization, such as:

- Involving front line personnel in safety processes
- Improving its ability to respond to regulatory issues
- Reducing the overall costs of incidents
- Minimizing downtime and the costs of disruption to operations
- Controlling the cost of insurance premiums
- Lowering absenteeism and employee turnover rates

# PREPARE YOUR COMPANY FOR CERTIFICATION

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We can help you assess your company's readiness for ISO 45001 certification. One of our dedicated world-class Consultants will:

- Conduct a gap analysis to assess compliance levels
- Develop written policies and procedures
- Facilitate employee communication and engagement
- Implement an effective self-auditing process
- Conduct safety and compliance training
- Establish an internal safety committee



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