

Occupational safety and health (OSH) management systems

- Introduction
- Benefits of OSH management systems
- Evaluation Procedure of BG Verkehr

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Accidents at work

Germany 2013 (Source: SUGA 2013)

- 959.143 reportable accidents at work (more than 3 days of absence), including
- 606 fatal accidents

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Analysis of 238 fatal accidents 2010 (BAuA)



Per accident could be grasped up to three causes

Source: Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA) 2011

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What is an Occupational Safety and Health Management System?

An OSH management system

- is a coordinated and systematic approach to managing safety and health risks.
- help organisations to continually improve their safety performance and compliance to safety and health legislation and standards.

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Benefits of OSH management systems

Reasons for implementing OSH management systems and its effects on organisations



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Benefits of OSH management systems (DGUV information 211-019)

- Increasing legal security
- Optimising organisation and processes
- Enhancing occupational safety and health competence of executives
- Increasing employee satisfaction
- Improving corporate image + boosting trust of customers and partners



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Do OSH-MS contribute to the improvement of the lived practise of the OSH?

DGUV Report 3/2013:

Findings from the long time study on occupational safety professionals



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BG Verkehr DGUV report 3/2013 - long time study on

occupational safety professionals

Companies with OSH-MS

- dispose of a high safety and health culture
- register a proportionally falling number of accidents, sickness rates an occupational diseases compared to companies without such systems.
- The implementation of OSH-MS promotes exhausting preventive potentials of the organisation, in particular preserving health resources of the employees.

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DGUV report 3/2013 - long time study on occupational safety professionals

Effects on the activity of occupational safety professionals

- Increased intensity of the activity: occupational safety professionals occupy themselves to a greater extent with preventive duties and less with developing directive statements or implementing instructions.
- Improved access to company management and lived cooperation.
- Comprehensive action and a high effectiveness.

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Return on Prevention 2.0

Costs and benefits of OSH management systems for companies

Survey of 81 companies with OSH-MS and 180 without OSH-MS

Companies with OSH-MS

- better implementation of OSH at an overall high level
- better achievement of OSH objectives
- better realisation of microeconomic objectives.



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Return on Prevention 2.0 Further results

- OSH lived at all hierachical levels,
- High acceptance by employees, executives and company management for OSH,
- Optimisation of the organisation of the OSH to avoid organisational failure,
- Continuous improvement of OSH,
- Improving customer relations,
- Enhancing company organisation .



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considers the requirements

- of the national guideline on OSH-MS
 [developed in 2002 from the former Federal Ministry for Economy
 and Labour, the highest authority for OSH of the federal states, the
 german social accident insurance and social partners]
- and of the ILO-OSH 2001 [Guidelines on occupational safety and health management systems]



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- On request it is possible to
 - receive confirmation that the requirements of BS OHSAS 18001 ["Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements OHSAS 18001:2007] are met
 - audit an existing Corporate Health Management
- The evaluation procedure is a free offer for members of BG Verkehr

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What is being checked?

Occupational safety and health + X, i. e.

- 1. Fulfilment of all OSH legal requirements
- 2. Basic elements of a structured management system

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Basic elements of a management system

- written objective
- Documenting all definitions, plannings and implementations
- internal audits
- Identifying of at least 5 key figures:
 - Total number of accidents
 - Total number of first aid book entries
 - Accident severity, e.g. number of the sick days caused by accidents
 - Number of the remarks from the internal site inspections
 - Number of customer complaints, as far as they concern OHS
- Annual management review

Document – and then?

- Document as an award: occupational health and safety is pursued beyond regulatory requirements
- Valid for three years
- Period of validity can be extended after another review
- Recording is the beginning of an ongoing process which helps the company to handle OSH in a simple and efficient way



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BG Verkehr guideline for implementing OSH-MS

Support for organisations interested in

- introducing an occupational safety and health management system,
- improving specific areas of organising their OSH,
- getting an overview of the current status of their OSH and where they need to act.



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Leitfaden zur Erstellung eines Arbeitsschutz-Managementsystems

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Thank you for your attention!

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