BUSINESS CHALLENGE
Organizations of all kinds are increasingly concerned about achieving and demonstrating sound Occupational Health and Safety performance to their shareholders, employees, clients and other stakeholders by managing the hazards and improving the beneficial effects of their activities, products and services.
Increasingly, stringent legislation, the development of economic policies, human resources management and other measures are used to foster Occupational Health and Safety protection and welfare. A general growth of concern from stakeholders and other interested parties suggests a clear commitment to Occupational Health and Safety is required.

SOLUTION
What is OHSAS 18001?
OHSAS 18001 is an international standard giving requirements related to Health and Safety Management Systems.
It enables an organization to have control over, and knowledge of, all relevant hazards resulting from normal operations and abnormal situations, and improve its performance.
What are the key benefits?
- Improve efficiency and consequently reduce accident and production time loss
- Increase control and reduction of hazards through the setting of objectives, targets and evolved responsibility
- Demonstrate your commitment to the protection of staff, property and plant
- Demonstrate legal compliance
- Increase your reputation for safety and occupational health
- Reduce insurance premiums
- Is an integral part of a sustainability strategy
- Encourage more effective internal and external communication

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?
- Recognition - Bureau Veritas Certification has more than 10 local accreditations including UKAS. Bureau Veritas Certification was one of the launch companies for OHSAS 18001.
- Network - 5,700 skilled auditors operating in more than 100 countries offer a unique combination of international and local expertise providing consistent services wherever our clients are.
- Expertise - Bureau Veritas Certification has issued over 6000 safety related certificates in all major industry sectors. Our auditors have an extensive experience in health and safety issues, as well as in depth knowledge of local regulations, markets and language that enables them to provide solutions adapted to your needs.
- Mark of Global recognition - The Bureau Veritas Certification mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization’s ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.

RELATED SERVICES
Integrated certification
Bureau Veritas Certification offers the possibility of integrated and/or combined certification with other schemes such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, SA 8000 and/or sector specific schemes (ISO/TS 16949...). This delivers greater audit efficiency, consistency and optimization.
Other services
Beyond OHSAS 18001, Bureau Veritas Certification provides a large range of services related to risk management:
- VeriCert®: risk based audit approach
- Supplier and network audit
- Internal audit
- Supply chain security: ISO 28000
- Business Continuity: BS 25999-2
- Information security: ISO 27001
OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Key steps in our certification process are:

- Definition of certification scope
- Pre-audit (optional): gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against standard
- Certification audit performed in 2 stages:
  - Stage 1 – readiness review performed to verify that the organization is ready for certification
  - Stage 2 – evaluation of implementation, including the effectiveness of the management system of the organization
- A certificate valid for 3 years is issued upon satisfactory results of stage 2 audit
- Surveillance audits to verify that the management system continues to fulfill the requirements of the standard and monitor the continual improvement
- Re-certification after 3 years to confirm the continued conformance and effectiveness of the management system as a whole

FAQ

What does OHSAS mean?
OHSAS stands for Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Specification.

Does OHSAS 18001 apply to all industries?
OHSAS 18001 is applicable to any organization from all types of business sectors and activities.

CASE STUDY

Akzo Nobel (Netherlands)
Bureau Veritas Certification has been a global partner to the Akzo Nobel chemical group for many years. When OHSAS 18001 was published, Akzo Nobel, a forward thinking organization, was keen to demonstrate its commitment to safety. Akzo Nobel asked Bureau Veritas Certification to help it with its global certification program.
They have achieved their certification objective by integrating their quality, environment and safety management systems and are maintaining their certification with ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.