

# HSE Audit Solutions 2017: Update Smarter Operational Risk, Compliance & Safety Decisions

HSE Audit Solutions are fast becoming standard practice where there is a business requirement to provide comfort to Boards that products, functions, services, departments and terms of reference are fulfilling requirements and specifications for their intended purposes.

Smarter decisions can be made, actions prioritised and resources allocated improving the organisation's profile, capabilities, resilience and compliance. We believe that Audit Solutions should benefit our clients by being strategic in context, relevant and providing clear return on their investment.

This starts with vigorous audit preparation, utilising the Ark Workplace Risk proprietary methodologies underpinned by deep, pragmatic, grounded and collaborative working styles of our people.

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The HSE Audit will generate areas not only for improvement but also advancement with various levels of actions plans supporting our clients in their quest to achieve comfort and affordability.

## Main reasons why global and major companies have chosen us to supply HSE Audit Solutions.

- Verification of records and statements
- Discover/prevent errors and falsehoods as well as failures in supervision

- Moral check for staff member that their transactions will be examined and comfort to those providing information
- Independent opinion and check on Directors and Managers as part of Governance
- Valuable advice with our expert knowledge
- Dispute settlement with contentious matters
- Budgeting providing Business Case for financing improvements
- Aiding increases in value of property, assets and businesses when sold
- Advantage for third parties including enforcement
- Improving your organisation's profile enhancing brand and reputation
- Drive cost savings by increasing efficiencies and waste reduction across functions including reducing insurance premiums
- Performance improvement – by combining continuous improvement with a robust safety approach and awareness
- Recognised standards for supporting commercial tenders and proposals
- Understand your business in a whole new context e.g. where are you on standards and performance internationally vs regionally vs locally.

## **British Standard OHSAS 18001:2007/ HSG65 Management Systems Audit**

### **BS OHSAS 18001**

A framework for Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS), part of the BS OHSAS 18001 series of international standards and recognised best practice, applicable to any industry. Aligning your management systems to this standard, organisations demonstrate sound health and safety performance.

Aligning your health and safety management system to BS OHSAS 18001 will provide many benefits including:

- Improved performance monitoring and accident reporting
- Better control of risks
- Improved levels of compliance to applicable health and safety legislation
- Improved reputation and stakeholder satisfaction

### **Areas Assessed:**

- Planning for hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control
- OH&S management programme
- Structure and responsibility
- Training, awareness and competence
- Consultation and communication
- Operational control
- Emergency preparedness and response
- Management involvement/review
- Performance measuring, monitoring and improvement

### **HSG65 Management System Audit:**

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance HSG65 Effective Health and Safety Management, applicable within the UK. The Audit will assess the organisation's approach to managing health and safety against a 'Plan, Do, Check, Act' model in regards to conventional health and safety management and process safety.

### **Future benefits:**

- Reduces costs and downtime by reducing workplace accidents and illnesses
- Improved corporate culture in respect of health and safety
- Demonstrates to stakeholders that organisation is compliant and has mitigation in the threat of legal action
- Improved standing with both customer and supply chains

## Defendability Audit

Defendability is a practice involving determining and assuring business practices beyond that provided by health and safety and environmental audits allowing businesses to decide which risks to take and which to challenge. Validated and verified by an Independent Party using unbiased consultants who have no conflict of interest and are able provide an objective, professional opinion based on experience and knowledge.

Areas include Operational Risk, Compliance and Safety where the risk includes legal action leading to prosecution and/or civil claims damaging brand and reputation.

### How we help:

- Audit compliance against global as well as local legislation and practice
- Validation and verification of current management systems and risk management approaches across portfolios or silo sites
- Provision of recommendations and guidance allowing development of a multi- jurisdiction approach to Risk Management Assessments
- Third party assurance of your Emergency Management Procedures and Training across entire portfolio or silo sites



### Future benefits

- Analyse and understand your position
- Identify key areas for improvement
- Uncover illegal activities and practices
- Reinforce and strengthen internal controls
- Validating and verifying compliance
- Accelerating performance
- Reducing expenditure and cost efficiencies
- Leaner organisation with more agility
- Increased customer and supply chain satisfaction

## Environment Management Audits

Our Audits are based on ISO 14000 Series - Environmental Management Systems which provides practical tools for organisations looking to manage their environmental responsibilities.

Auditing Environment Management Systems provides assurance of an organisation's capability, ensuring legal compliance and equipping the business to deal with incidents. Our audits are robust and deliver more than support in achieving regulatory compliance and the ability to meet supplier requirements.



### Audits will cover:

- Energy Management, Air Quality, Water Management, Waste Management,
- Biodiversity and Sustainable Procurement
- Environmental Impact against local regulations as well as international standard
- Environmental Site Audits to all required standards

### Future benefits:

- Analyse and understand your current position
- Demonstrate compliance
- Increase leadership involvement and engagement
- Increases competitive advantage and attracts investment
- Enhance brand and protects company reputation
- Improve Environmental Performance in activity, products and services
- Improve customer and supply chain confidence

## Fire Safety Management Audits

Reviewing your organisations procedures, policies and record keeping then providing best practice guidelines and action to achieve legal compliance in respect of Fire Safety and Emergency Management.

### Audits will cover:

- Fire policies and documentation
- Assessments of buildings for fire safety, property protection and business interruption from fire
- Compliance with legislation ranging from basic surveys to comprehensive fire safety reviews to strategic reviews

### Future Benefits:

- Analyse and understand your current priorities
- Efficiencies in effective integration of life safety systems and an organisation management system

- Reduction in costs by continuously reviewing performance
- Enhance brand and protect reputation
- Positive fire safety culture with increased workplace responsibility
- Reduction in likelihood of incidences e.g. injury claims, property damage

## Safety Culture Audit

Safety culture of an organisation is the complex product of individual and group values, attitudes, perceptions, competencies and patterns of behaviour that determine the commitment to, and the style and proficiency of an organisation's health and safety management approach.

Using a series of diagnostic tools we overcome the 'one size fits all' approach with an approach based on close collaboration between internal resources and outside expertise.

Audits will cover organisation structure, organisational processes considering Management Commitment, Leadership, Communication, Employee Involvement, Training, Learning Organisation, Motivation and Compliance with Procedures approach.

### Future benefits:

- Analyse and understand your current position
- Improve productivity
- Shared perceptions of the importance of safety culture and by confidence in efficacy of preventive measures
- Management commitment – producing higher level of motivation
- Visible management
- Improved communication between all levels of employees
- Active employee participation in safety building ownership

## Customised Audits

We can customise Audits to your own corporate objectives:

- Validate the strength of your supply chain and third party management systems
- Protecting your brand against sustainability issues and management system evaluations
- Customise for any compliance audit, internal audit or routine inspection
- Partner and work alongside our clients to assess and report on results for continual improvements

