ISO 45001 is the world standard for helping to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. Who more than hospitals should value this goal? Certification to ISO 45001 demonstrates your commitment and leadership.

ISO 45001 is an international occupational health and safety management certification designed to help organizations prevent injury and maintain a healthy work environment.

Health and safety at work affects all businesses. Implementing an occupational health and safety management system is now a legal requirement in many countries. Additionally, companies are increasingly required to report on their health and safety performance. This makes it vital to demonstrate that your organization delivers on its policy commitments.

Independent assessment and certification of your occupational health and safety (OH&S) management system by DNV GL proves that you have a compliant system in place. An ISO 45001 certification demonstrates that you adhere to high standards with regards to health and safety, thus enabling you to enhance your reputation and brand.

“Work-related injuries and illnesses occur at twice the rate in hospitals versus private industry in general.”

A lot of hospitals still believe this old myth that hospitals are safe places to work.

David Michaels
US Dept. of Labor/OSHA
(npr.org, Feb. 4, 2015)

* US Dept. of Labor
What is the ISO 45001 standard?

The ISO 45001 standard is designed to be compatible and harmonized with other international management system standards, especially ISO 14001 for environmental management systems and ISO 9001 for quality management systems. Therefore, ISO 45001 can be integrated with other existing management systems and processes.

- ISO 45001 is an internationally standard that is applicable to any type or size of organization.

- It provides a framework based on the well-established management principles of Plan-Do-Check-Act. It requires the organization to identify the hazards and assess the occupational health and safety risks related to its activities and services, determine the necessary controls and to set clear objectives and targets to improve its performance.

- ISO 45001 requires an organization to identify and comply with the applicable OH&S legal - and other requirements.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATION

It is important that you and your hospital or system is committed and set clear targets for implementation and assessment. Organizations that plan well will often have an advantage and be better prepared for certification. This includes:

- Identifying health and safety requirements.
- Identifying the applicable OH&S legal requirements.
- Establishing objectives, targets, and improvement programs.

To be certified, your company must demonstrate that it has set up an OH&S management system according to the standard, performed internal audits and management reviews and has identified the related statutory and regulatory aspects and compliance.

FACT

A hospital is one of the most hazardous places to work. The injury and illness rate in hospitals remains nearly double the rate for private industry as a whole.

* OSHA, Facts About Hospital Worker Safety, 2013

INJURY RATES IN THE WORKPLACE

Thought construction was dangerous?

Cases per 10,000 full time employees

1. HOSPITALS
2. CONSTRUCTION
3. MANUFACTURING
4. PRIVATE INDUSTRY (US average)
5. PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES