

# ISO 45001:2018 – Support

The International Organization of Standardization (ISO) publishes the ISO 45001:2018 standard, *Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS) – Requirements with guidance for use*. ISO 45001:2018 is the world's international standard for occupational safety and health (S&H). The aim of the standard is to provide a healthy and safe working environment to drive solutions to improve organizational safety performance, assess and eliminate risk, and increase productivity.

**Support** is a clause within the ISO 45001:2018 standard. This clause makes sure organizations have adequate resources and processes in place to implement and sustain the OHSMS. This clause is important because it helps organizations implement OHSMS requirements and ensure the OHSMS functions effectively.

**Support** helps organizations ensure they can provide backend maintenance of the OHSMS through:



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- Determination of and processes to acquire resources needed, both internal and external, to support the OHSMS
- Determination of competence requirements and expectations for workers that affect, or could affect, OHSMS performance
- Worker awareness of S&H policies and objectives, participation in the OHSMS, workplace hazards, stop work procedures, and lessons learned, as relevant to their assigned duties and tasks
- Processes to communicate S&H information and continuous improvement efforts, both internally and externally – who, what, when, why, where, how?
- Documentation processes to support OHSMS implementation and operation, including how to create, update, and control documents.

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