This is an internationally recognised auditable standard, developed from HSG65 and ISO14001 (which is a standard for environmental management systems.

HSG65 is about managing health & safety, OHSAS18001 is about demonstrating that you manage health and safety. OHSAS18001 also specifies components of a system and documentation (processes and records) which makes it easier to assess a management systems compliance by auditing and to provide certification.

The headings in OHSAS18001 are as follows :-

Occupational Health and Safety Policy.

  Commitments are documented in a policy document and must as a minimum commit to :- Prevent Injury and Ill Health, Compliance to Legal and Other Requirements, Set Goals and Targets – Review and Update Goals and Targets, Continual Improvement.

Planning.

  Determine requirements, assign responsibilities, determine competence, provide training, develop plans

Implementation and Operation.

  Put the plans in place, Collecting records created by compliance to the system.

Checking and Corrective Action.

  Monitoring performance, Auditing, Investigating accidents and incidents, Updating Risk Assessments and implementing control measures.

Management Review.

  There is a specified minimum agenda to review performance and set targets, Updates to the management system including the policy.