



Formal Recognition for Offset Alpine Safety System

Offset Alpine Printing has achieved Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems AS/NZS 4801:2001 accreditation in August this year.

The registration covers the Occupation, Health and Safety Management System for the provision of offset web and sheet fed colour printing for books, brochures, posters, publications, retail catalogues and finishing operations carried out at the Lidcombe plant as well as the distribution of finished products to customers.

In order to reach this standard, Offset Alpine Printing was subject to a thorough external safety audit carried out by the auditors from SAI Global.

Two auditors and one observer spent three days looking at all aspects of Offset Alpine's safety management system including risk management, consultative arrangements and training, as well as at the actual objective evidence of safety improvement. They spent a lot of time talking to the department managers and supervisors; watching the production process and most importantly the people – our employees, contractors and visitors - performing their daily tasks.

After this thorough process, an excellent result was achieved. Offset Alpine Printing passed the certification audit on the very first attempt! The auditors assessed the system as mature and very well developed.

Achieving Occupational Health and Safety Accreditation would not have been possible without the commitment of all of our staff at every level throughout the organisation.

Over the last five years the understanding of “duty of care” has grown and deepened throughout the organisation – the simple concept that everyone is responsible for the safety of themselves, their workmates, fellow employees and contractors.

Better safety performance and improved injury statistics wouldn't be possible without managers taking immediate corrective action to reduce the risks; supervisors sending time talking to people about hazards, procedures and the proper use of equipment; and most importantly, our employees being willing to listen and follow the rules knowing that their health and safety is the company's Number One priority.

While it is nice to celebrate this achievement, it is important to realise that the certification of the system marks not the end, but the beginning of the road. Being safety certified means that not only are we not allowed to lower our standards, but we have to continually improve our safety performance and work harder to further develop and maintain a positive workplace culture.



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