

# RISK ASSESSMENTS AND FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS

<b>Sector</b>	<b>International/Education</b>
<b>Client</b>	<b>A large International University</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>Risk Assessments Fire Risk Assessments</b>
<b>Project Days</b>	<b>8</b>

## CLIENT PROBLEM ?

Educational institutes can face particular challenges when it comes to the management of health and safety. In addition to their duty of care to ensure employees, students, contractors, visitors to their sites and the wider public are kept safe and healthy within their facility, they also have a high profile and any slip in health and safety standards would be widely publicized.

Furthermore, University facilities in particular may have need to control a wide range of risks and hazards in addition to those found in typical classroom environments, such as; engineering, electrical and scientific laboratories, practical training workshops, vehicle and pedestrian movements on their premises.

An additional challenge for the client was that they were headquartered in Europe and without any specialist HSE resource in the Gulf region. Managing health and safety without a dedicated, trained, competent person in place is challenging. Many companies find substantial benefit in choosing to follow the route that this client did and outsource their HSE needs to a competent HSE Consultancy; either on a project specific or monthly retainer.

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## Our Solution

Organisations in the UAE need to be aware of the current Federal and Emirate specific health and safety laws to ensure that they keep their staff and assets safe whilst also remaining compliant. Not understanding health and safety laws may leave a company exposed and liable to civil and/or criminal prosecutions.

The client also wished to have full insight into the risks and hazards present in their Gulf operations. Having a clear view of all HSE risk allows a client to prioritise and take the appropriate action, helping to mitigate inherent risk and it's potential for damage.

The Corporate OHS HSE Consultant therefore supported the client via:

- Risk assessing the main building, residential premises and activities
- Carrying out a risk assessment of the operations and activities
- Carrying out Fire risk assessments of the building, residential premises and activities

## Summary of Outputs

The Consultant developed a Gap analysis report which assessed operations against the relevant standards; incorporating Federal and Emirate specific legislation and UAE codes of practice.

The report included a risk matrix and risk assessment template which further outlined the identified hazards and associated suggested control measures against each hazard.

It also included a prioritized set of findings and recommendations which helped the client to create a timebound Action Plan to assist in rectifying the gaps.