

## Safety Program Criteria

The underlying purpose for any safety program is to eliminate or reduce any potential losses that may occur, as a result of an illness or injury, from the day-to-day operation of a business.

The important elements of a health and safety program are:

1. **Management Leadership** – The commitment of the leadership of the organization to health and safety.
2. **Hazard Identification and Analysis** – Process by which hazards are identified and managed before the work begins.
3. **Hazard Controls** – Methods to mitigate the risks or control the hazards (training, engineering, protective equipment).
4. **Communications** – The method by which management's commitment and safe practices are communicated to the work force.
5. **Emergency Preparedness** – How well is the organization prepared to deal with emergencies.
6. **Investigations** – If an incident occurs how is it investigated and learned from in terms of preventing future injuries.

Can you please comment on how your organization addresses these key elements.