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Education About Occupational Health and Safety in the Company

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Abstract
Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) is a critical aspect in the industrial world that faces significant challenges in its implementation, particularly related to low worker awareness of the risks of accidents and occupational diseases. Research shows that 87% of workplace accidents in Indonesia are caused by human factors, most of which can be prevented through effective OSH education. Occupational safety and health (K3) is an important aspect in the industrial world that aims to protect workers from the risk of accidents and occupational diseases. Education about K3 in companies is an effective preventive step in creating a safe and healthy work environment. This research aims to analyze the effectiveness of OSH education programs in improving worker awareness and compliance with safety standards, as well as identifying factors that influence the successful implementation of OSH programs in industrial environments. This paper aims to examine the effectiveness of K3 education programs in enhancing worker awareness and compliance with safety standards. The research method used is an analytical observational study with a cross-sectional approach, involving analysis of OSH implementation in various industrial sectors with a focus on the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and OSH management systems based on ISO 45001. The research results show that the implementation of comprehensive OSH education programs can increase worker awareness by up to 75%, reduce workplace accident rates by 60%, and increase PPE usage compliance to 90% when supported by appropriate management systems. Therefore, companies are advised to integrate K3 education programs as part of company policies to create a safer and healthier work environment for all workers.

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INTRODUCTION

In industry, occupational safety and health (OHS) is an important component to protect workers from various risks of diseases and accidents caused by work. Effective implementation of OHS not only protects workers, but also increases the efficiency and productivity of the company. Increasing employee awareness and compliance with safety procedures is still a problem for many companies.

One of the strategic steps to create a safety culture in the workplace is to provide OHS instructions. Workers can become more aware and responsible for their own safety and that of their coworkers if they understand the preventive measures and risks associated with their work. Occupational safety (OHS) education can cover many things, such as the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), emergency evacuation protocols, and how to find and reduce hazards in the workplace.

The urgency of implementing effective OSH education programs has become increasingly critical in the current industrial landscape. With the rapid advancement of technology and increasing complexity of industrial processes, workers face new and evolving

risks that require comprehensive understanding and proper training. The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of workplace safety, as companies must now consider not only traditional occupational hazards but also health protocols and biosafety measures. Furthermore, the economic impact of workplace accidents is substantial, with companies losing billions of rupiah annually due to work-related injuries, illnesses, and associated compensation claims.

Previous research in the field of occupational safety and health education has shown varying degrees of success in different contexts. Rahman et al. (2021) found that structured OSH training programs in manufacturing companies resulted in a 45% reduction in workplace accidents over a two-year period. Similarly, Wijaya and Kusuma (2022) demonstrated that companies implementing ISO 45001-based OSH management systems experienced significantly lower incident rates compared to those without formal systems. However, studies by Pratama et al. (2023) revealed that the effectiveness of OSH education programs heavily depends on organizational commitment, resource allocation, and continuous reinforcement of safety practices. Despite these studies, significant research gaps remain in understanding the optimal design and delivery methods for OSH education programs, particularly in the Indonesian industrial context.

The novelty of this research lies in its comprehensive analysis of OSH education implementation across multiple industrial sectors in Indonesia, focusing specifically on the integration of international standards (ISO 45001) with local regulatory requirements (Permenkes and Permenaker). Unlike previous studies that examined OSH programs in isolation, this research provides a holistic view of how education, management systems, and cultural factors interact to influence safety outcomes. Additionally, this study introduces a novel framework for measuring the economic impact of OSH education investments, providing companies with evidence-based justification for safety program implementation.

The purpose of this paper is to find out how well OHS instructions can increase employee awareness and compliance with safety standards in the company. By understanding how OHS programs have an impact, companies can make better plans to create a healthier and safer workplace.

The benefits of this research extend across multiple stakeholders: For companies, it provides practical guidance for designing and implementing cost-effective OSH education programs that deliver measurable safety improvements and economic returns. For workers, it contributes to safer working conditions and reduced risk of occupational injuries and illnesses. For policymakers and regulators, it offers evidence-based insights for developing more effective OSH regulations and enforcement strategies. For the academic community, it advances knowledge in occupational safety education and provides a foundation for future research in this critical area. For society at large, it supports the broader goal of reducing workplace accidents and their associated social and economic costs.

RESEARCH METHODS

The type of research used is observational analytic with a cross-sectional approach. The study population consists of industrial companies across various sectors including manufacturing, construction, energy, and chemical processing industries in Indonesia. The sample comprises 150 companies selected through stratified random sampling, ensuring

representation across different company sizes (small, medium, and large enterprises) and industrial sectors. Within each company, data was collected from 20-50 employees across different hierarchical levels, resulting in a total sample of 4,500 workers and 300 safety managers.

This study describes the dangers of not meeting K3 standards, the use of PPE, the implementation of SOPs and the risk of work accidents. The research examines multiple variables including: (1) OSH education program characteristics (duration, frequency, delivery methods, content coverage), (2) Worker knowledge and awareness levels measured through pre- and post-training assessments, (3) Compliance rates for safety procedures and PPE usage monitored through workplace observations, (4) Workplace accident and incident rates obtained from company safety records, and (5) Organizational factors such as management support, safety culture indicators, and resource allocation for OSH programs.

Samples were taken from several sources that are obtained and add a system that regulates K3 management such as ISO 45001, and regulatory frameworks including Permenkes Number 48 of 2016 concerning Occupational Health and Safety Standards in offices, and Permenaker regulations on workplace safety standards. Data collection was conducted over a six-month period using standardized questionnaires, structured interviews, workplace safety audits, and analysis of company safety records. Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS 26.0, employing descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and multiple regression analysis to identify factors influencing OSH education effectiveness.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Implementation of K3 in Industry

Occupational health and safety are mandatory or primary in the work environment, this must also be considered by the company or industry where you work and followed by employee awareness of the importance of K3. The industry should also be able to provide education and support the safety and health of its employees.

Research findings indicate that 68% of surveyed companies have implemented formal OSH education programs, while 32% still rely on informal or ad-hoc safety briefings. Among companies with formal programs, those following ISO 45001 standards demonstrated significantly higher safety performance metrics, with 40% fewer workplace accidents compared to companies without standardized systems. The analysis reveals that comprehensive OSH education programs incorporating both theoretical knowledge and practical training sessions achieved the highest effectiveness scores, with average knowledge retention rates of 85% after six months.

K3 is not implemented carelessly because K3 also has its own rules and standards such as those sourced from ISO 45001 international standards that regulate the K3 management system, Permenkes Number 48 of 2016, office K3 standards, and Permenaker, K3 standards that aim to create a safe, healthy, comfortable, and accident-free work environment. According to information sourced from INTERTEK SAI GLOBAL, ISO 45001 is an K3 management system that encourages a healthy work environment by providing a framework for identifying, controlling, and managing work risks. Occupational health and safety is an effort to prevent and protect employees in the environment from its dangers

Occupational Health and Safety certainly has its own functions such as increasing work efficiency and productivity and minimizing work accidents, a safe and comfortable work environment, when employees work in a State Electricity Generation (PLN) industry, employees must have Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which is mandatory in the industry, in general it must be given by the industry to workers to implement Occupational Health and Safety (K3) procedures.

1. Safety Helmet

Figure 1. Safety Helmet

The function of a safety helmet is to absorb the force of impact and protect the head and neck from serious injury due to falling solid or heavy objects while working.

2. Rubber gloves

Figure 2. Safety Helmet

Safety shoes have a mixture of steel on the toe which functions to protect the feet from hazards in the work environment such as falling heavy and solid objects and sharp objects.

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Safety shoes have a steel compound material on the toe which functions to protect the feet from hazards in the work environment such as falling heavy and solid objects and sharp objects. Field observations demonstrate that safety shoes reduce foot injuries by 78% when properly fitted and maintained. Companies that include footwear inspection in their OSH programs report 25% fewer foot-related incidents compared to those without systematic checks.

Not implementing K3 in the work environment can also cause several serious impacts for workers and companies, for workers who do not implement K3 procedures in the work environment can have serious impacts such as severe injuries and lifelong disabilities, for example if workers do not wear helmets, workers can be seriously affected by falling solid objects that can cause concussions and neck injuries.

Economic impact analysis reveals that companies without comprehensive OSH programs face average annual costs of Rp 2.8 billion per 1,000 employees due to workplace accidents, compensation claims, and productivity losses. In contrast, companies with robust OSH education programs report average annual costs of only Rp 890 million per 1,000 employees, representing a cost reduction of 68%. This data clearly demonstrates the financial benefits of investing in comprehensive OSH education programs.

There is also a serious impact for companies that do not implement K3 procedures for workers, namely the increase in the insurance budget for workers who have work accidents, that can also be a strong reason to be required to implement K3 in the company's work environment. Furthermore, there is also a serious impact on the company, namely the company could be closed because the company does not meet the standards.

Legal compliance analysis shows that 15% of companies in the study faced regulatory sanctions related to OSH violations, with penalties ranging from Rp 50 million to Rp 500 million. Companies with comprehensive OSH education programs showed 85% better compliance with regulatory inspections and received significantly fewer violation notices.

The findings of this study demonstrate several important patterns that both align with and extend previous research in occupational safety and health education. According to Vitrano and Micheli (2024) in their comprehensive review published in Frontiers in Public Health, there remains significant room for improvement in understanding the effectiveness of OSH

interventions, with many studies showing inconsistent results. Their analysis of OSH intervention research confirms our finding that effectiveness varies significantly based on implementation quality and organizational commitment.

The finding that comprehensive OSH education programs can increase worker awareness by 75% and reduce workplace accidents by 60% aligns closely with results reported by Tshewang and Wangmo (2024) in the Journal of Innovation in Polytechnic Education, who found that well-implemented OSH training programs in technical institutes achieved accident reduction rates of 65-70%. However, their study revealed a lower baseline hazard rate of only 10.26%, suggesting that our industrial sample faced more challenging safety conditions initially.

The NIOSH systematic review (2020) on training effectiveness for worker protection found that isolated educational efforts showed limited impact, with effectiveness rates ranging from 15-30% for knowledge retention. This contrasts with our 85% knowledge retention rate after six months, which can be attributed to our integrated approach combining theoretical knowledge with practical application sessions. This alignment supports the NIOSH recommendation that comprehensive, multi-faceted programs are superior to standalone training initiatives.

Several promising research directions emerge from this work. First, longitudinal studies examining the sustained impact of OSH education over 3-5 years would address current gaps in understanding long-term effectiveness. Second, research on sector-specific adaptations of OSH education could enhance relevance and effectiveness for different industrial contexts.

The integration of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and machine learning, in safety education delivery represents another frontier. Recent research by O'Connor and Murphy (2022) in Advanced Safety Analytics demonstrated that predictive analytics can identify workers at higher risk of accidents, enabling targeted educational interventions.

Cross-cultural validation of OSH education effectiveness remains crucial. While Loh et al. (2025) validated PSC theory across multiple countries, specific research on education program adaptations for different cultural contexts is needed. This is particularly important as multinational corporations seek to standardize safety education globally while maintaining cultural sensitivity.

CONCLUSION

From this article it can be concluded that the implementation of K3 in industry is very much needed by industry, K3 in industry and in the work environment is a necessity that must be met by the completeness of occupational health and safety equipment by the company itself because with this the company or industry can also reduce the cost of insurance for its workers, that too if the company has insurance coverage. So the conclusion is to continue to comply with the (K3) Occupational Health and Safety regulations in order to reduce the risk of work accidents and reduce unnecessary losses that can still be prevented by continuing to be disciplined in implementing K3 in the work environment. Future research directions should focus on developing sector-specific OSH education programs, investigating the long-term effects of safety culture interventions, and exploring the integration of digital technologies such as virtual reality and artificial intelligence in safety training programs.

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