**Why a Third-Party Review?**

After you complete your safety plan, you will have the option for a third-party review. What is a third-party safety plan review and why would you need one?

In 2017 alone, OSHA handed out over 3,600 citations related to programs. Safety plans are an important part of a company’s overall safety program and provide a handbook for how the company handles a particular safety issue. It’s one of the very first things that a compliance officer will ask to see when he/she arrives onsite, so they are a very visible part of your compliance efforts. Not only are they important to have, but how thorough and correct they are is just as important. This is where third-party reviews come in.

Third-party reviews can …

**Give You Another Set of Eyes, Experienced Eyes**

Our third-party reviewers are safety managers who have been working with OSHA regulations, safety plans and safety compliance for a number of years. Many of our reviewers are former environmental, health and safety managers themselves. As safety consultants, they are now working for various types of companies, from small to large, throughout multiple industries and multiple locations. They have seen both the successes and pitfalls of safety plans and routinely represent clients during regulatory inspections while safety plans are being reviewed. Their firsthand experience can be a benefit for you.

**Make Sure All Elements Are Covered**

OSHA regulations typically specify which components need to be included, and a reviewer will be able to check for these areas and ensure they’re covered completely.

**Help Give You Ideas To Strengthen Your Plan (or Determine Where You May Be Over Committing)**

Programs generated from SafetyPlans.com provide a substantial basis for compliance, but there can be certain site-specific and facility-specific processes you may need to add to your plan. Our reviewers have prepared hundreds of custom safety plans and can give ideas on which areas may need to be strengthened or where more details could be added. Conversely, they’ll be able to spot the instances where you may be including information above and beyond what’s required and be able to review with the implications overcommitting on certain compliance activities on your plan.

**Provide an Extra Level of Credibility**

Having an unbiased, experienced third-party review may provide additional level of credibility to help show regulators that your company wants to make the extra effort to be complete. From our experience, success with OSHA inspections and visits can be boosted by attitude towards compliance. Any time your company can show a sincere effort to do all you can to be compliant, it will appear very favorably for your company to the regulator.