

COVID-19 SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANISATIONS

What is SLS 1672: 2020?

SLS 1672 is the newly introduced standard which was published by Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 2020-05-20. This standard presents COVID-19 safety management system requirements for organizations.

For any organization, the application of well-planned COVID-19 safety management system is required to safeguard its interested parties from potential exposure to COVID-19 through its activities, products, and services. The objective of this management system is to create an environment without COVID-19 threats for its stakeholders.

Why SLS 1672: 2020?

2020 is a crucial year where many industries were hoping for a boom after the disastrous incident in 2019. However, with the COVID-19 outbreak, it became an unexpected tragic to all the businesses and individuals in all the industries around the world. Unlike any other incidents, COVID is a highly contagious and deadly. It spread from one person or organism to another typically by direct contact.

With the reopening of the industries after the lockdown, it is highly required to ensure your staff, customers and other interested parties to have confidence to be with your organization. Therefore, COVID-19 safety management system preserves the safety of staff, visitors (human element of the organizations) by **applying a risk management process** and gives confidence to the interested parties that risks are adequately managed.

Who should comply with this standard?

The requirements set out in this Sri Lanka Standard are general and are intended to be applicable to all organizations, regardless of type, size or nature. However, the organization shall determine the boundaries and applicability of the COVID-19 safety management system to establish its scope while considering locations, sites, scope of activities, outsourced activities, products, services, requirements of interested parties and internal and external issues.

It is important that the **COVID-19 safety management system is integrated with the organization's processes and overall management structure** and that COVID-19 safety is considered in the design of processes, operational arrangements, and controls. This Sri Lanka Standard can be used by internal and external parties to assess the organization's ability to meet the organization's own COVID-19 safety requirements.

Advantages of certifying to SLS 1672: 2020

- Control of COVID-19 risk
- Attract customers and business
- Gives a core competence to outperform
- Brings confidence to staff, and other interested parties to be with you
- Social responsibility and leadership project
- **Global recognition**

Prevention is always better than cure!!!





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