

# Unlocking a safer tomorrow: How SSIP can simplify occupational Health & Safety

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*Eleanor Eaton, [SSIP](#) Chair, discusses how the SSIP scheme provides assurance to clients that their suppliers have been fully assessed and certificated by an SSIP Forum Member, and how suppliers can demonstrate their occupational health & safety credentials with one simple, universal certification.*

In today's fast-paced world, ensuring the safety of our workforce is paramount. Every responsible business understands the imperative of robust Health and Safety protocols. It's not just a legal requirement; it's a commitment to the well-being of our employees and partners, a dedication to ethical business practices, and a cornerstone of sustainable growth.

But How do businesses navigate the labyrinth of Health and Safety regulations effectively? And how do you ensure your business is not only compliant but also excelling in the realm of workplace safety?

Enter SSIP – the game-changer in Health and Safety standards.

What is SSIP?

SSIP stands for Safety Schemes in Procurement. It's not just an assessment; it's a ticket to a safer, more compliant, and progressive business environment. As the Chair of SSIP, I am immensely proud of what our organisation represents and achieves.

At its core, SSIP is a collective of over 50 Health and Safety assessment schemes, all dedicated to ensuring that businesses adhere to the highest standards of Health and Safety regulations. Whether it's desktop assessments or comprehensive ISO45001 audits, SSIP brings together the best in the industry to set a recognised standard for Health and Safety practices.

Why choose SSIP?

Now, you might ask, “What makes SSIP right for my business?”

So, let me share the numerous advantages SSIP can offer:

**Legal compliance:** SSIP’s assessment ensures your business’s legal compliance with UK Health and Safety legislation. We take the guesswork out of regulatory adherence, leaving you with the peace of mind to focus on your operations.

**A universal, recognised standard:** SSIP is the only recognised standard for Health and Safety. It’s not just us saying it; it’s the industry, clients, and even the Health & Safety Executive vouching for our credibility.

**Assessment consistency:** SSIP’s Core Criteria, our threshold standard, ensures every assessment is completed to the same consistent standard. No shortcuts, no compromises – just unwavering quality.

**Mutual recognition:** There’s strength in unity. SSIP member schemes mutually recognise each other’s standards. It’s a collaborative effort to elevate industry-wide Health and Safety practices.

**Industry recognition:** SSIP isn’t just respected; it’s revered. Buyers, clients, and industry leaders recognise and appreciate the SSIP stamp. It opens doors and builds trust.

**Over 82,000 valid assessments:** Numbers speak volumes. With over 82,000 valid assessments visible on the SSIP portal, it’s not just a claim – it’s a proven track record.

**Expert assessors:** All our assessors and auditors hold the same minimum qualification. You are in expert hands, ensuring the highest level of scrutiny for your business.

**Become part of SSIP:** unlock your gateway to safety and success

For clients, being part of the SSIP scheme provides the confidence that the suppliers they use meet the threshold of initial competence needed to fulfil their duties, allowing them to focus on Stage 2 of the procurement process.

For suppliers, becoming SSIP certified is a commitment to excellence. It’s a promise to your employees, clients, and partners that safety is not just a priority; it’s a way of life for your business.

I invite you to explore the SSIP website to learn more about how it can support your organisation. Visit our portal and understand how SSIP can transform your approach to Health and Safety. Working together, we can create a safer tomorrow.

*For more information, please visit [SSIP](#).*