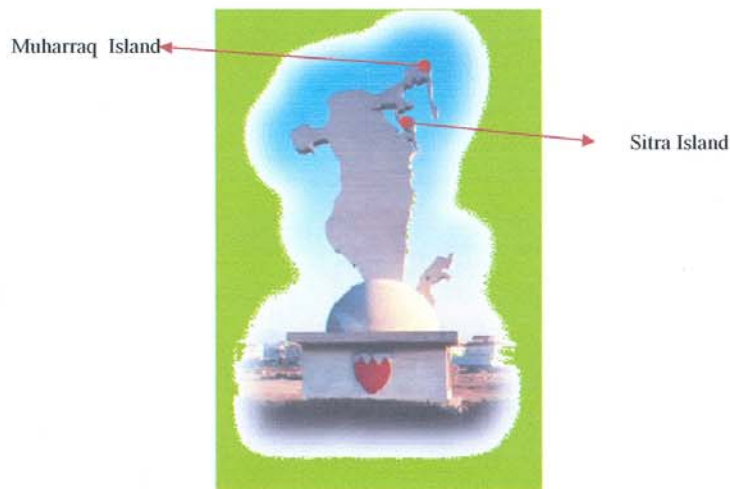




**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
SECTION**

**MINISTRY OF LABOUR
BAHRAIN**



Kingdom of Bahrain is located in middle of the Arabian Gulf. From the east side of the island is Saudi Arabia and from the north Qatar, the Kingdom is located in north west continent of Asia and its linked to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by King Fahad Causeway (opened on 25th November 1986) and its extended about 25 km distance from city of Alkubar City in Saudi. In the future, another causeway will link the Bahrain to Qatar; it is expected to be the longest causeway in world.

Bahrain is archipelagoes of 33 islands; the biggest landmass is approximately 722 km² and forms 83% of the area of Bahrain, Muharraq is the next biggest island and in the past it was linked ^{linked} to the main island by a two-way bridge, but nowadays there are

three bridges connecting Muharraq to main island, the Bahrain International Airport is also located in Muharraq, Sitra is the second biggest island and its linked to mainland by the Sitra bridge.

Sitra is the major industrial areas where the refinery is located along with other general industrial companies, there are also various other small islands, that are very famous for their tourism appeal such as Huwar and Jarada and other some small uninhabited islands that have became home for different kinds of birds.

Oil was discovered in Bahrain in 1932, and Bahrain adopted constitutional changes transforming from a State to the Kingdom of Bahrain in February 2002 after the introduction of a parliamentary system.

Occupational Health and Safety Section

The section was established by Ministerial Order Number (8) 1976 Article No. 1 Item No.4.

Our Vision

To make Occupational safety and health a priority for the production parties.

Our Message

To increase occupational safety and health preventive awareness among employees and employers.

Our Goals

- Protecting workforce from any possible work related hazards and illnesses
- Reducing occupational accidents and injuries to minimum and consequently financial losses.
- Increasing preventive safety and health awareness among workers and employers.

- Continuous development of the occupational safety and health legislations to cope with the industrial and technological developments.
- Improving training standards of the occupational health and safety programs nationwide.

Our Main Functions

- Periodically inspecting the private sector establishments and taking legal actions against those which violate the safety and health law.
- Inspecting workers' residence and assuring they fulfill the safety and health requirements.
- Investigating workers' complaints regarding occupational safety and health issues.
- Investigating occupational accidents and injuries and preparing technical reports about them.
- Organizing seminars, conferences and lectures in the safety and health field.

The Section inspect all establishments subjected to the labour law, issued in 1976, and enforce the regulations of Bahrain Labour Law – Chapter "12", 1976 as well as more than (20) Ministerial Orders related to occupational health

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

During the years 2004-2006, the Occupational Safety and Health Section made the following achievements in the field of occupational awareness, guidance and counseling:

1. A periodical awareness programmes covering all activities and business sectors.
2. A semi-annual specialized bulletin featuring the activities of the Occupational Safety and Health Section.
3. A detailed bulletin covering the most important occupational accidents and the lessons drawn from them.
4. Printing and distributing occupational safety and health posters.

5. Convening annual seminars, on a national level on occupational safety and health, in conjunction with the Arab Labour Organization (ALO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).
6. Co-ordination with the International Labour Organization on distributing a CD-ROM on administrative functions in occupational safety and health.
7. Organizing educational lectures on occupational safety and health covering all businesses and enterprises in both the private and public sectors.
8. An educational bilingual brochure featuring the functions and duties of the Occupational Safety and Health.

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