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Safety management system in  
accordance with the  
Caribbean Safety Standard  
CSS2009:12  
including  
Regulation RGL CSS2009:12

# Caribbean Safety Standard (CSS2009:12)

**The Caribbean Safety Standard**  
*CSS2009:12 is a standard developed in the Caribbean area. The CSS standard is not yet an international standard, like the EN or ISO standards, but is accepted in the Caribbean area as a certifiable standard for safety management systems. The CSS standard is managed by the Caribbean Health & Safety Foundation in Curacao and represents a safety management system that complies with the criteria accepted in the Caribbean area and is relevant to its safety and society. Thus, organizations can control and improve upon the safety risks pertinent to their activities.*

## Safety conditions

The Caribbean Safety Standard pertains to the safety of people, products and services. A safety system must be set up. In the Caribbean Safety Standard, this system is based on four components (4 M's in the Dutch terms):

- Management and policy.
- Medewerkers [Employees].
- Middelen (Equipment).
- Maatschappij [Society].

Based on this safety standard, companies and their personnel can inspect the entire organization, from policy to implementation. This provides insight into risky safety conditions and clearly maps conditions, where unclear situations arise and where

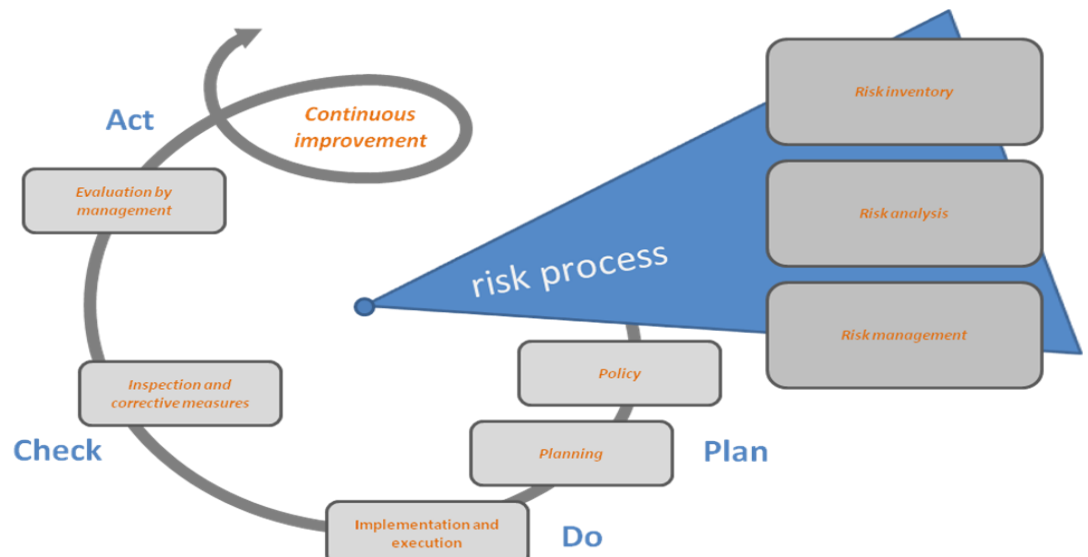
additional inspection is required. The Caribbean Safety Standard relates, among other things, to safety training and safety information, pursuit of policy, risk assessment, inspection and registration of work equipment, making personal protection equipment available, social involvement, etc.

## Cycle of improvement

A safety management system as based on the Caribbean Safety Standard ensures that an organization pays structural attention to safety conditions. The objective is to continuously improve on the safety and welfare of personnel and the environment. In order to accomplish this continuous improvement of safety conditions, the Caribbean Safety Standard uses a cycle of improvement (see figure). This cycle is described in the Caribbean Safety Standard. The "safety policy" phase is the starting point for the cycle of improvement. Top management formulates general safety policy and affirms that it deems quality safety conditions and improvement of great importance.

In the "planning" step, the organization draws up an overview of all hazards and risks present in the organization. Specific safety objectives and programs are formulated based on this, and the organization sets down how these objectives will be met.

The company implements this in accordance with the "implementation and execution"



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step. Monitoring and measuring of programs with respect to the safety policy, objectives, legal and other requirements formulated takes place in the “inspection and corrective measures” step.

In the last step, “evaluation by the management”, the plans are adjusted if necessary, and new plans are made. Continuous repetition of these steps will increasingly reduce the safety risks, and will lead to new risks being discovered quickly, as well as in continuous improvement in the safety performance. The core of the system is formed by the overview of the hazards and risks, thus the existence of an RI&E (Risk Inventory and Evaluation) is mandatory. Making plans that lead to accomplishing objectives is only possible if the risks and their magnitude in an organization have been recognized.

### The benefit

The Caribbean Safety Standard stimulates a safe, manageable work situation. Companies that work in accordance with the Caribbean Safety Standard show that they are willing to invest in their organization and the liability linked to it. The Caribbean Safety Standard certificate sends a positive signal to clients, the labor market and inspection agencies. It provides certainty that companies work in accordance with recognized safety standards and requirements. The involvement and safety-awareness of personnel or temporary personnel / subcontractors increases: they work more efficiently and make fewer mistakes. Absenteeism due to illness or accidents is reduced, as is damage to materials and equipment. Thus, working with the Caribbean Safety Standard provides a quick return on investment. Furthermore, Caribbean Safety Standard certification ensures an efficient, orderly organization that strengthens its competitive position in the (labor) market by means of verifiable concern for safety.

### Certification

It is possible to certify your organization based on the Caribbean Safety Standard. This means that Kiwa, as a certified independent certification institution, verifies that your safety management system meets the requirements in the standard. If your company meets these requirements, the Caribbean Safety Standard (CSS) certificate can be issued.

The certificate is valid for 3 years and is inspected annually by means of audits. The system is re-evaluated after 3 years.

The Caribbean Safety Standard certificate may only be issued by institutions certified for this purpose by the Accreditation Council (RvA).

Such agencies are regularly tested for expertise, reliability and independence. Kiwa is such an institution.

The certificate is a valuable means of communication with various target groups, such as personnel, customers, governments and the labor inspectorate, etc.

### One-Stop-Shop

The Caribbean Safety Standard is a standard based on the same continuous-improvement-principles as ISO 9001 (quality), ISO 14001 (Environment) and ISO45001 (Health and safety). This makes it possible to combine audits, resulting in a reduction in the time and money spent on audits.

Kiwa is accredited for a broad range of scopes and can thus apply this One-Stop-Shop formula in many sectors.

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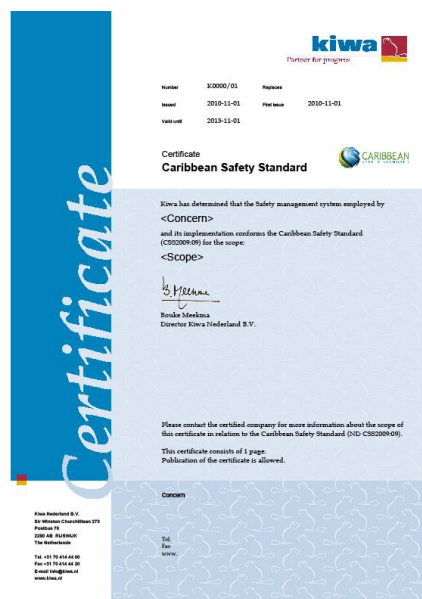
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### Certification steps:

- registration with CHSF
- request information package
- draw up safety handbook
- appoint management representative
- appoint safety expert
- draw up an RI&E
- follow the Basic CSS Training

### For certification institutions (CI):

- send in the certification application form
- tender/certification agreement (sign)
- planning certification inspection
- phase 1 and phase 2 inspection at the company
- issue of certificate
- follow-up visits every 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- re-certification every 3<sup>rd</sup> year