





DUTY OF CARE: INTERNATIONAL SOS FOUNDATION

The International SOS Foundation is a registered charity and was started with a grant from International SOS. It is a fully independent, not-for-profit organisation. Launched in March 2012, the Foundation has the goal of improving the safety, security, health and welfare of people working abroad or on remote assignments through the study, understanding and mitigation of potential risks.

Key industry contributions

Since its inception in 2012, the Foundation has partnered with several associations and organisations to bring to the public a wealth of health and safety information. Below are some of our key contributions:

Sharing global best practices on Duty of Care

Development of international guidance on the prevention and mitigation of risks associated with working and travelling abroad. One of the many key research papers was published with Prevent, an independent organisation focussed on academic work to improve occupational safety & health practices.

Helping organisations better their sustainability agenda

In 2017, the Foundation launched a joint practical guide with Sanicroft titled, *'Maximising the value of Occupational Health & Safety and workplace wellness reporting for a global workforce: A practical guide for internationally operating employers'*. The guide illustrates the value of the emerging global OH&S agenda linked to business sustainability and aims to provide OH&S, sustainability and corporate reporting professionals with practical guidance on how to improve OH&S reporting and practice.

Continuous education and training

Launched in June 2017, the Duty of Care training, *'Safety, Health and Security for the Mobile Worker'* aims to provide occupational safety and health practitioners with the knowledge and skills necessary to actively participate in the management of safe, healthy and secure travel for their mobile workforce. The training programme is certified by Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH).

Learn more about the International SOS Foundation at: www.internationalsosfoundation.org

Driving commitment to Duty of Care

With more and more people working and travelling internationally in an increasingly challenging world, the prevention of work-related travel, health and security incidents is more critical than ever. On 3 September 2017, the International SOS Foundation, supported by the Ministry of Manpower Singapore, launched a declaration during a Summit Meeting on the opening of the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work. To date, close to 400 individuals from organisations and institutions worldwide have signed the declaration to support principles of risk prevention with regard to work-related travel safety, health and security.

Recognising organisations' efforts in Duty of Care worldwide

The Global Duty of Care Summit & Awards, founded by the International SOS Foundation in 2016, is a platform designed to share best practices and celebrate organisations' efforts in Duty of Care worldwide. The Summit, a world-class forum on protecting mobile workers and mitigating risks, brings together industry-leading experts for discussion and debate, practical case studies and invaluable networking. The Awards recognise outstanding achievements in meeting high standards of health, safety and security at work. It provides entrants with a chance to attain external recognition for their success in protecting their people. The Global Duty of Care Summit & Awards 2019 is set to take place in Shanghai, China on 17 October 2019.