



People and Asset Safety

Service providers can help companies reduce safety risks, achieve compliance and boost production



Safety and Productivity: Partners in Success

An industrial safety program should strive to accomplish three primary goals:

- **Help protect people** from machine, process and electrical safety risks
- **Achieve regulatory compliance** while reducing the cost of that compliance
- **Improve productivity** wherever possible to support operational excellence

A significant obstacle to meeting these goals is the fact that workers in separate functions often have differing views on safety. Safety professionals, for example, are concerned with protecting workers and complying with safety standards, while operations professionals often worry about safety infringing on productivity.

However, studies have shown that safety and productivity can harmoniously coexist and – even thrive together. Best-in-class manufacturers, which are defined as the top 20 percent of aggregate performance scorers, have been found to outperform their industry-average counterparts with:²

5-7%

HIGHER
OEE

2-4%

LESS UNSCHEDULED
DOWNTIME

<50%

INJURY
RATE

These top performers share a common set of best practices that can be grouped into three core safety pillars:



CULTURE
(Behavioral)



COMPLIANCE
(Procedural)



CAPITAL
(Technical)

Reaching the level of a best-in-class manufacturer requires excelling in each of these three areas. Oftentimes, that can only be done by using the support and expertise of safety service providers.



Every **15 seconds**, **153 workers** have a work-related accident.¹

¹ Safety and Health at Work, International Labour Organization, 2017

² Integrated Safety Systems, Aberdeen Group, 2011

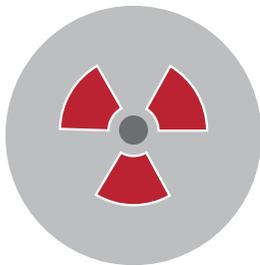
A Role for Safety Services

Few industrial companies have the full spectrum of safety expertise and capabilities in-house to meet their every need. Most use industrial-safety service providers for some level of support, such as to provide safety training to workers or to validate safety-system designs.

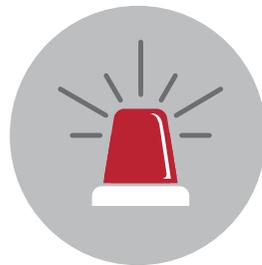
Many companies also turn to safety providers for help with unique safety-related challenges. This could include retaining key safety capabilities as they manage skills shortages or help with adopting key safety standards like ISO 13849 and IEC 62061 across global operations.

Beyond filling these organizational needs, safety services can also help companies realize best-in-class performance by improving their processes, competency and technology in the following:

Hazardous Energy Control



Machine Safety



¹ Supplier Provided Automation Services, ARC Advisory Group, 2015

Hazardous Energy Control

Lockout/tagout (LOTO) services can help companies create compliant, safe and productive LOTO processes.

LOTO graphical procedures show exactly where isolation points are and provide a more user-friendly format for LOTO methods and steps. Up to 40 percent faster to follow than text-based procedures, graphical procedures increase total employee utilization efficiency by up to 18 percent, and help reduce errors during the LOTO process.

LOTO training can be provided to authorized and affected employees after a company changes its existing policy or introduces a new LOTO procedure format.

Annual audits identify any deviations or inadequacies in the current procedures. With regular audits, employers can correct possible deficiencies before they result in consequences.

Policy services include reviewing or creating LOTO policies to make them clear and easy for employees to understand and implement.

Device-recommendation services help confirm LOTO devices are consistent with procedures. The recommendations consider factors, such as frequency of use, number of employees and existing device stock.

LOTO database software tracks LOTO procedures across sites. This can help companies identify trends to improve OEE and verify that employees are properly using LOTO. It can also reduce the time that is required for annual LOTO audits by up to 85 percent.



Company Standardizes LOTO Program and Boosts Productivity

A courier-services company that lacked a standardized LOTO program wanted to implement a standardized process and reporting structure across multiple facilities.

It enlisted a service provider, which implemented a LOTO-management software tool in each facility.

The software implementation helped create a standardized LOTO program across all facilities and led to a 13 percent improvement in productivity. Safety and operations leaders also can now use the software to monitor the LOTO program's status across all locations and to view LOTO-associated downtime.

Machine Safety

Machine safety services are available that support – and ease – all five stages of the functional safety lifecycle, which is defined in IEC 61508 and 62061.

1 Risk Identification and Evaluation

A service provider can conduct risk assessments and compliance-conformity audits to help companies understand the machine safety risks that exist in their operations. The full spectrum of services includes the following:

1. Conformity audits
2. Machine risk assessments
3. Team-based risk assessments
4. Corporate safety-program development

2 Identification of Steps to Mitigate Risk

After audits or assessments are completed, a service provider can use the findings to define the requirements specification for mitigating identified risks. This process considers not only all modes of operation but also all machine interactions.

And defining the requirements specification, a safety service provider can also provide guidance to help companies with mitigation planning.



Ease Progression Through the Safety Lifecycle

Software tools can prove valuable in helping companies simplify their progression through the safety lifecycle.

The Safety Automation Builder with Risk Assessment Software (RASWin) is one example. It can help companies manage everything from assessments and functional requirements to a safety system's design, verification and validation.

The tool organizes information from each step of the process and machinery validation, and links each step of the lifecycle to avoid systematic failures. It also assists with product selection to achieve the required safety performance level according to ISO 13849-1 and can help create SISTEMA projects for analysis of all safety functions.

Machine Safety continued

3 Design and Verification

A service provider can review a safety system's design to help make sure it meets software and programming requirements, and to confirm that it uses the appropriate components. The provider can also conduct a circuit analysis and do a SISTEMA verification to confirm that the design meets its requirements.

4 Installation and Validation

Validation planning and execution can confirm that a machine is operating within its defined requirements and in compliance with standards. A service provider can send specialists on-site to help perform validation testing and document the entire process.

5 Maintenance and Improvement

After a machine or line is operational, a service provider can help its customer maintain a safety system across its lifecycle. Long-term support services can include periodic machine safety validation services and annual or ongoing health checks and compliance audits.

6 Training

To enhance the safety program, a service provider can deliver functional safety expert training for technicians and engineers. Look for a service provider that can offer training from TÜV Rheinland, one of the most prestigious industrial safety organizations in the world. Customized training is another option, and can be tailored to employees' skill sets.



Service Provider Helps Standardize Machine Safety Across Plants

An industrial company had accumulated several aging machines with no safety systems across multiple locations.

The company turned to a safety services provider to help improve the machines' safety performance and to train plant staff on the new safety systems and methodologies.

The service provider conducted standardized risk assessments, created consistent mitigation strategies, implemented new safety solutions and performed repeatable validations for the machines at all locations. Training was provided, and workers shadowed the service provider throughout the project.

At the project's completion, fully operational and high-performance safety systems were in place based on the risks identified during the assessment. The safety systems were consistent and standardized across all locations and employees were knowledgeable of the new systems.

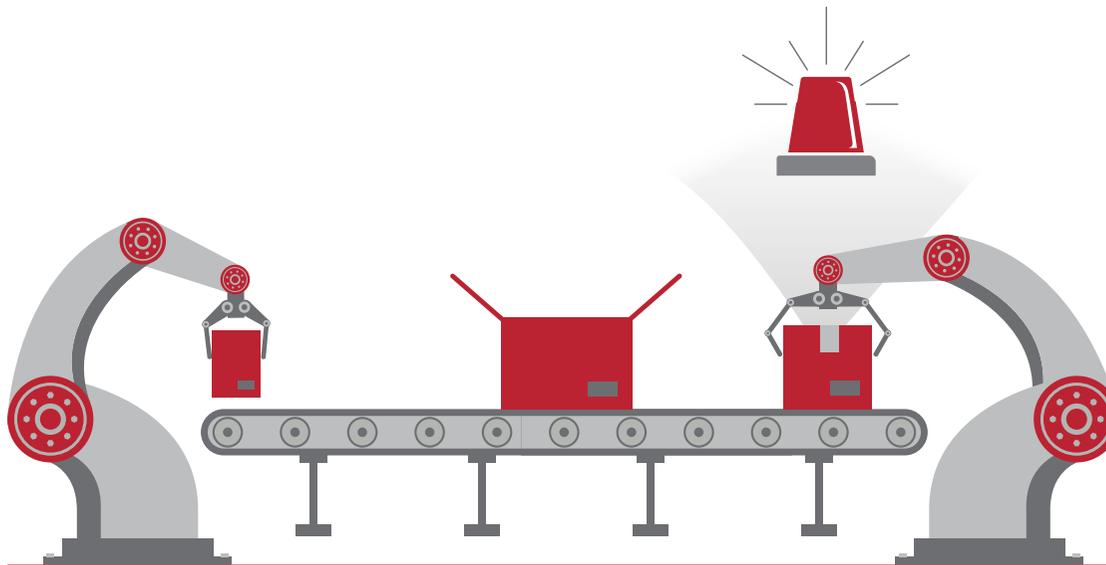
A New Approach to Safety

There is a growing awareness that safety can be more than just a cost of doing business. With a strong safety culture, compliant safety procedures and contemporary safety technologies, best-in-class manufacturers have shown that they can protect people and directly benefit the bottom line.

Rockwell Automation can help organizations work toward and realize this best-in-class performance level. Our industrial safety services are designed to help companies safeguard employees from harm and keep equipment compliant with the latest standards. We also proactively focus on ways to improve safety and reduce risk, while optimizing productivity.

“*Rockwell Automation ... employs more TÜV Rheinland-certified professionals than any other company.*”

- ARC Advisory Group: Machine Safeguarding Solutions
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