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**Introduction**

Occupational health and safety (OHS) is a multidisciplinary field that focuses on the physical, mental, and social well-being of workers in the workplace. It encompasses a wide range of activities, from identifying and controlling hazards to promoting a positive organizational culture. The primary goal of OHS is to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses, and fatalities, while also enhancing the overall health and productivity of the workforce.

Over the past few decades, there has been a significant shift in the way OHS is approached. Traditionally, OHS was primarily concerned with physical safety, such as preventing falls, slips, and trips. However, in recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of mental health and social well-being in the workplace. This has led to the development of more comprehensive OHS programs that address all aspects of worker health.

One of the key challenges in OHS is the identification and control of hazards. Hazards can be physical, chemical, biological, or psychosocial in nature. Identifying hazards requires a thorough understanding of the workplace and the tasks performed by workers. Once hazards are identified, it is essential to implement effective control measures to eliminate or minimize the risk of harm.

In addition to hazard control, promoting a positive organizational culture is also a critical component of OHS. A culture that values safety and health encourages workers to report hazards and incidents, and to take responsibility for their own and others' safety. This can be achieved through a combination of leadership commitment, training, and communication.

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## Conclusion

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