Gladys Ondari-Write Up

In the last 12 months of working as an Occupational Health and Safety Officer in a busy organization, it was my utmost responsibility to ensure that all workers are safe and free from any potential hazards. In that period, I recorded zero number of accidents in the workplace compared to the other years. I was also able to make safety the topmost performance during departmental evaluation performance.

Social media has also helped me a lot in sensitizing people on safety awareness. I have also developed documents on safety awareness and shared them online as a way of reaching out to all groups of people and sensitizing my audience about occupational health and safety. Meanwhile, I am also in the process of developing short courses through Coursera platform to sensitize a larger audience on occupational health and safety. As technology is developing, so is occupational health and safety. I have been trying to think of more innovative ways of improving occupational health and safety. Being a safety officer is not that easy as I want to be able to monitor all activities in a workplace to ensure that workers are safe. I have been thinking of a technology similar to a fire detector, a safety officer will be able to identify any hazards easily through a gadget. I am working on developing a similar device which will be of great help in ensuring complete compliance with occupational health and safety research to help achieve the desired project. Meanwhile, I have also accompanied mentors to high schools where I have had the opportunity to talk to students about occupational health and safety. This will bring a great impact as these students will always think of health and safety as a fundamental aspect in life.