

GREEN JOB FACT SHEET

ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGER

Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Managers promote good working practices for employees. They lead systems, processes, and procedures that promote a positive safety culture and collaborate with local leadership to execute all local, state, and federal regulatory requirements and company EHS programs.

THE BIG PICTURE

EHS managers promote good working practices for employees by:

- Training employees in safety regulations and procedures.
- Ensuring the workplace complies with regulatory requirements.
- Managing processes to deliver sustainability goals and initiatives.

IS THIS CAREER RIGHT FOR YOU?

DO YOU HAVE STRONG COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND INTEGRITY? DO YOU ENJOY EXPLAINING THINGS TO OTHERS AND INFLUENCING PLANS? DO YOU CARE ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY?

- Strong verbal communication skills are critical for EHS managers when explaining safety regulations, conducting incident investigations, performing training, and participating in production meetings. They also need to collaborate and build strong relationships with coworkers.
- EHS managers have an aptitude for organization, prioritization, and managing multiple tasks.
- Being dependable with strong ethics or principles is important for EHS managers.

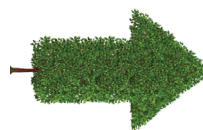
SALARY

The U.S. average starting annual salary is \$72,000 or \$34.62/hour and the U.S. median annual salary is \$85,905 or \$41.30/hour.

FUTURE HIRING DEMAND

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is projecting employment of environmental scientists and specialists, environmental science and protection technicians, and occupational health and safety specialists and technicians to all grow between 5-6% from 2021 to 2031.

MOVING FORWARD



Aspiring EHS managers should:

- Earn at least a bachelor's degree in a technical field.
- Bachelor's degrees in occupational safety, environmental health and safety management, environmental science, natural sciences, or biological science are especially helpful.
- Gain EHS experience in a manufacturing or industrial environment, as most openings require this.
- Explore internships or co-ops, which are a great way to gain experience while completing required coursework.

CONSIDER A #CAREERINCORRUGATED

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