

# Manufacturing sector

# Minds in Business

Helping organisations address mental health

Mental health issues are the biggest cause of lost workdays in the UK, costing businesses up to £45 billion a year in lost revenues. Mental health issues at work can lead to incidents with a devastating impact.

The UK is the world's ninth largest manufacturing nation, with sectors including food, drink, chemicals, tobacco, paper, printing, publishing and textiles. The sector, however, ranks in the bottom 10% of industries for well-being, with three quarters of manufacturing employees reporting feeling disengaged. Recent research from the Health and Safety Executive and other sources shows:

- > 40% of all ill health in the manufacturing sector is related to stress, depression or anxiety.
- > The manufacturing sector accounts for a high percentage of workplace accidents and is the second highest for number of deaths.
- > Following a record number of factory fires in 2021, there was another large increase in factory fires in 2022 - with manufacturing one of the top three industries affected.

## Improve your mental health strategy

As a leading business insurer, QBE has a long history of supporting manufacturing companies, from small businesses to large multinational organisations.

To help you evaluate and improve your mental health strategy, we have a new 'Minds in Business' mental health strategic assessment tool that's unique in the insurance market.

Minds in Business has been developed in collaboration with renowned mental health charity Mind, organisational culture and human error specialists Anker and Marsh, and business and personal resilience specialists Petros, so you can have confidence in the process and outcomes.

## Factsheet



When you engage with Minds in Business, you'll be posed a series of questions designed to consider your strategic approach to:

- > Leadership
- > Planning
- > Support
- > Organisational confidence and capability
- > Performance evaluation

After you've completed the process, you'll be given a bespoke risk improvement plan along with a proposed timeframe for completion. You'll also be signposted to a suite of resources and guidance to help you, much of which is provided by our carefully selected specialist partners.

We believe that Minds in Business can lead to healthier and happier employees, fewer workplace incidents, an improved claims experience and resultant improved business performance.

Just a small improvement in an organisation's approach towards mental health can help to significantly address some of the issues and alarming statistics above.

## How to access Minds in Business

Access to Minds in Business is through our QRisk online risk management platform, available only to QBE customers.

QRisk offers you a wide range of guidance and self assessment tools to help reduce the chances or impact of an unexpected event - from managing your ESG (environmental, social, and corporate governance) risk, preventing common accidents in your workplace, or even improving your company's risk culture. QRisk can make it easier than ever to understand and manage the risks for your business.

You can work through each online module in QRisk at your own pace, taking what you need, at your discretion. You're in full control.

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