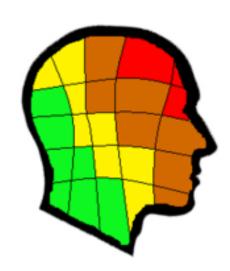
The Lightbulb Moment – Understanding Human Risk Factors



| | Consequences | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Likelihood | Insignificant 1 | Minor 2 | Moderate 3 | Major 4 | Extreme 5 |
| Almost Certain | Medium | Medium | High | Critical | Critical |
| 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| Likely | Low | Medium | High | High | Critical |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 20 |
| Possible | Low | Medium | Medium | High | High |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| Unlikely | Low | Low | Medium | Medium | High |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| Rare | Low | Low | Low | Medium | High |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |













Risk Management

"Risk Management is not, and will never be, a magic formula that will always give you the right answer.

It is a way of thinking that will give you better answers to better questions and by doing so helps you to shift the odds in your favour...."

The Book of Risk - Dan Borge



The Lightbulb Moment

noun 1. (informal) a moment of sudden inspiration, revelation, or recognition

When you realise that Risk Management has more to do with *Mindset* than it does with *Mathematics*!

Why?

The workplace is not a static, unchanging entity.

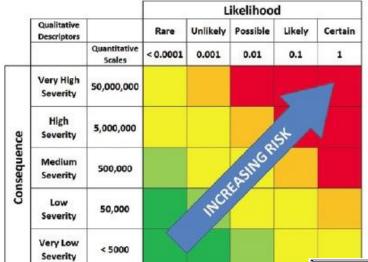
People aren't always predictable beings.

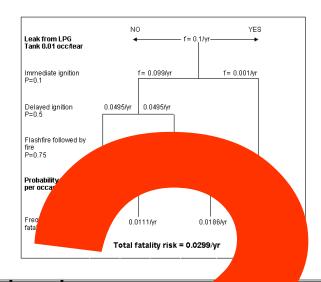
So RISK isn't static!

"Activity-based Risk..."

Mindset over mathematics....







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Probability Scale

| Likelihood Class | Likelihood of Occurrence (events/year) |
|------------------|--|
| Not Likely (NL) | <0.01% chance of occurrence |
| Low (L) | 0.01 - 0.1% chance of occurrence |
| Moderate (M) | 0.1 - 1% chance of occurrence |
| High (H) | 1 - 10% chance of occurrence |
| Expected (E) | >10% chance of occurrence |

| Description* | Level | Specific Individual Item | tory** |
|--------------|-------|---|--|
| Frequent | A | Likely to occur often in life of an item, with probability of occ greater than 10 ⁻¹ | usly enced. |
| Probable | В | Will occur sey life of an item probability of than 10 ⁻¹ but in that life. | Will occur frequently. |
| Occasional | С | Likely to occur some time in the life of an item, with a probability of than 10 ⁻² but in that life. | Will occur r times. |
| Remote | D | Unlikely but in the life of a probability of than 10 ⁻³ but greater than 10 in that life. | Unlikely, but can reasonably be expected to occur. |
| Improbable | Е | So unlikely, it can be assumed occurrence may not be experienced, with a probability of occurrence less than 10 ⁻⁶ in that life. | Unlikely to occur, but possible. |

| | Probability of Occurrence Definitions | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| | Extremely improbable | Extremely remote | Remote | Reasonably probable | Frequent |
| Qualitative definition | Should virtually never occur in the whole fleet life. | Unlikely to occur when considering several systems of the same type, but nevertheless has to be considered as being possible. | | May occur once during total operational life of one system. | May occur once or several times during operational life. |
| Quantitative definition | < 10 ⁻⁹ per flight hour | 10 ⁻⁷ to 10 ⁻⁹ per flight hour | 10 ⁻⁵ to 10 ⁻⁷ per flight hour | Food hardling stage n | 1 to 10 ⁻³ per flight hour |
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Accident

"An accident / incident is an undesired event generally caused by some combination of unsafe act(s) and unsafe condition(s) resulting in (or having the potential to result in) some form of loss ..."



Hazardous Behaviour (Unsafe Acts)

A hazard is defined as 'an activity, arrangement, circumstance, event, occurrence, phenomenon, process, situation or substances (whether arising or caused within or outside a place of work), that is an actual or potential cause or source of harm;

and includes-

- □ A situation where a person's behaviour may be an actual or potential cause or source of harm to the person or another person; and
- ☐ Without limitation, a situation described (above) resulting from physical or mental fatigue, drugs, alcohol, traumatic shock, or another temporary condition that affects a person's behaviour.'

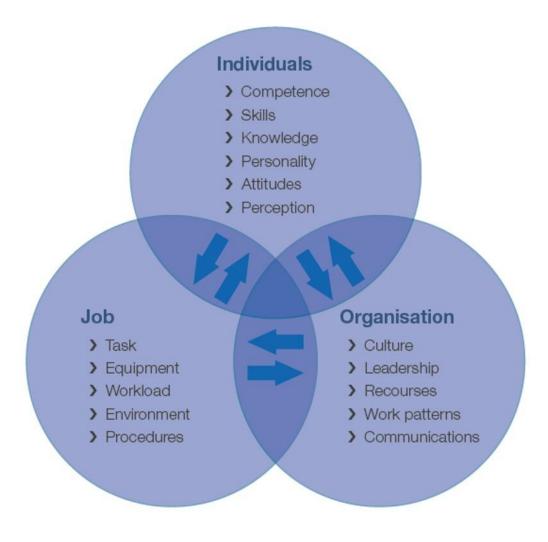




Human Factors is the scientific discipline concerned with the understanding of interactions among **humans** and other elements of a system.....

....in order to optimize **human** safety, well-being and overall system performance.

Human Factors?









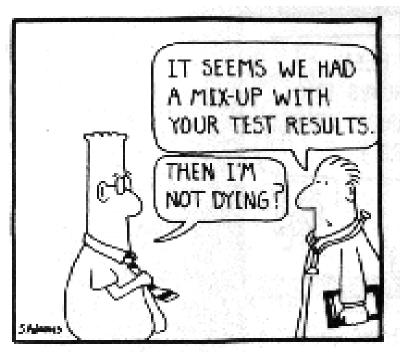


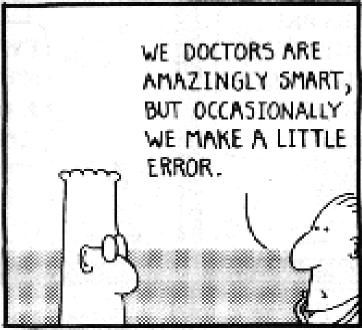
"I cannot accept that accidents only befall the incompetent and increasingly I find myself wondering...

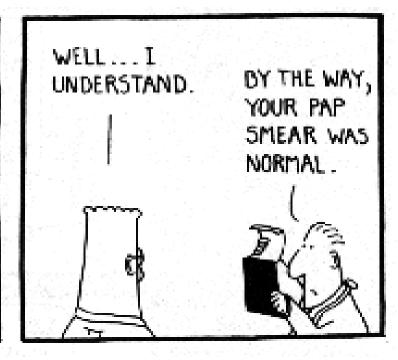
...how it is that competent people in beneficial surroundings can make serious mistakes."

Rod Johnson - U.K. Coastguard Agency Training Officer

...estimated that up to 90% of all workplace accidents have human error as a causal factor!

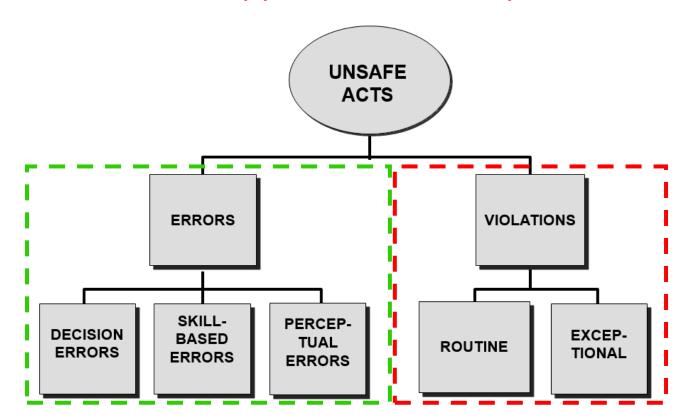




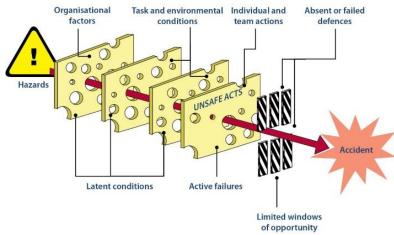


What does that mean?

...simply writing off accidents to "operator error" is a simplistic, if not naive, approach to mishap causation.

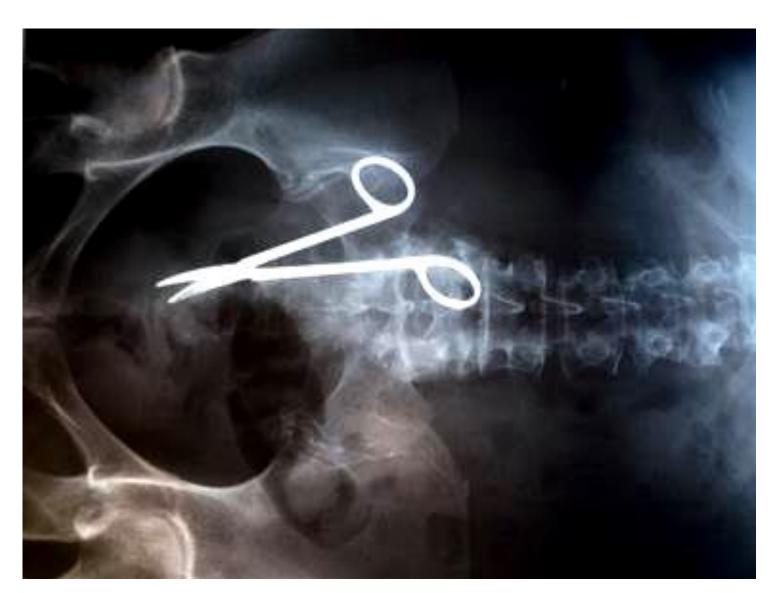






To understand accidents (and behaviour...), a number of questions need to be answered:

- ☐ How?,
- □ What?,
- □ Where?,
- □ When?,
- ☐ Who?, and
- □ Why?















"Human Factor" Accidents

- Failure to Perceive the Hazard
- Underestimating the Hazard 25 %
- Failure to Respond 17 %
- Ineffective Response

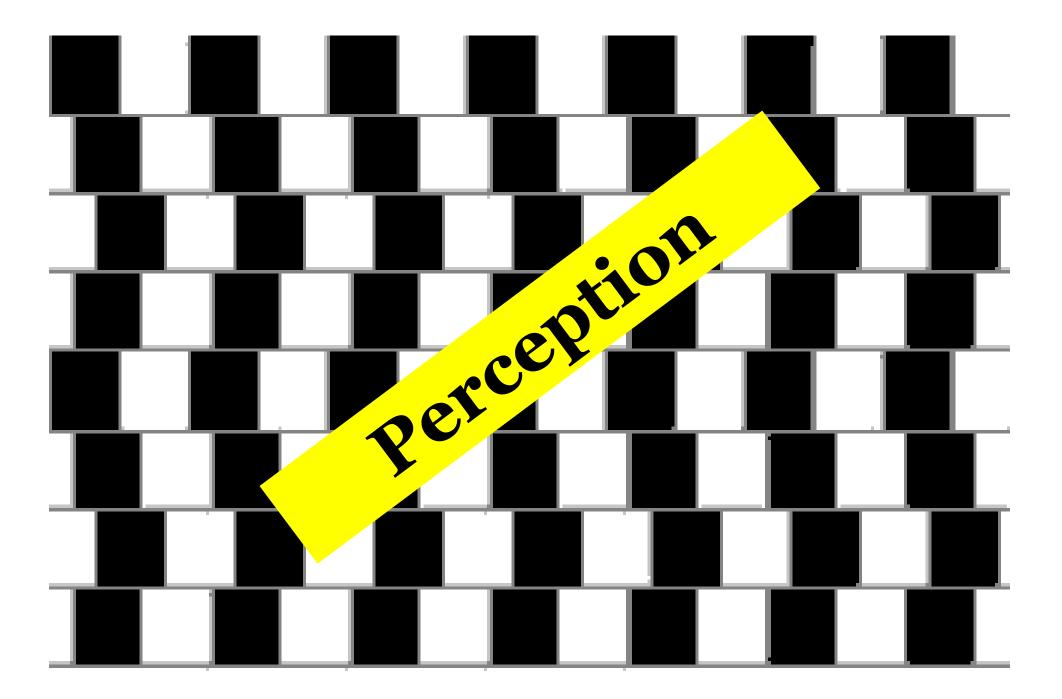


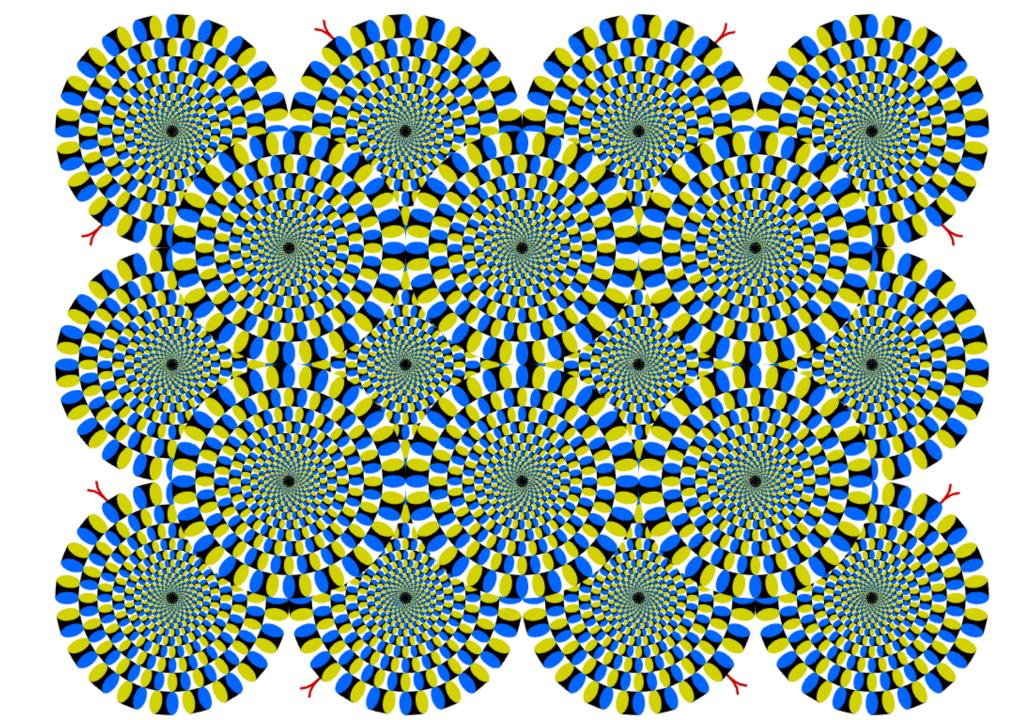
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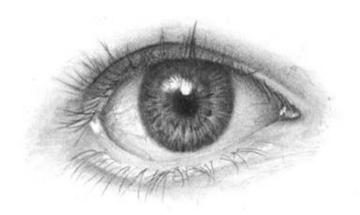
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Perception



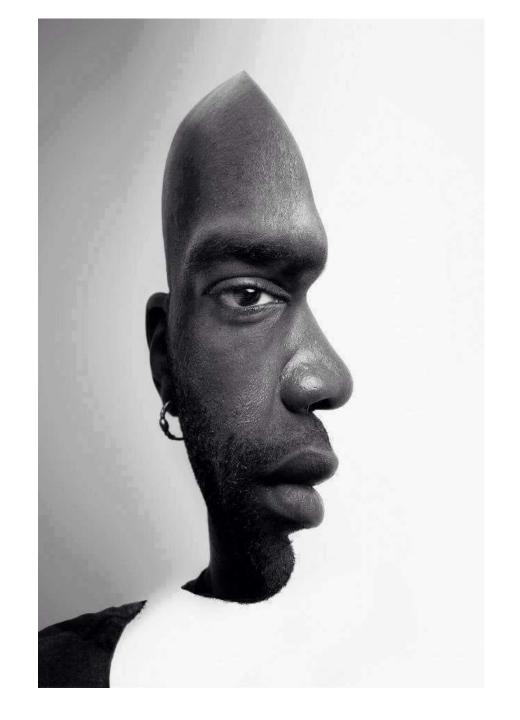
"the process by which an individual selects, organises and interprets stimuli into a meaningful and coherent picture of the world"

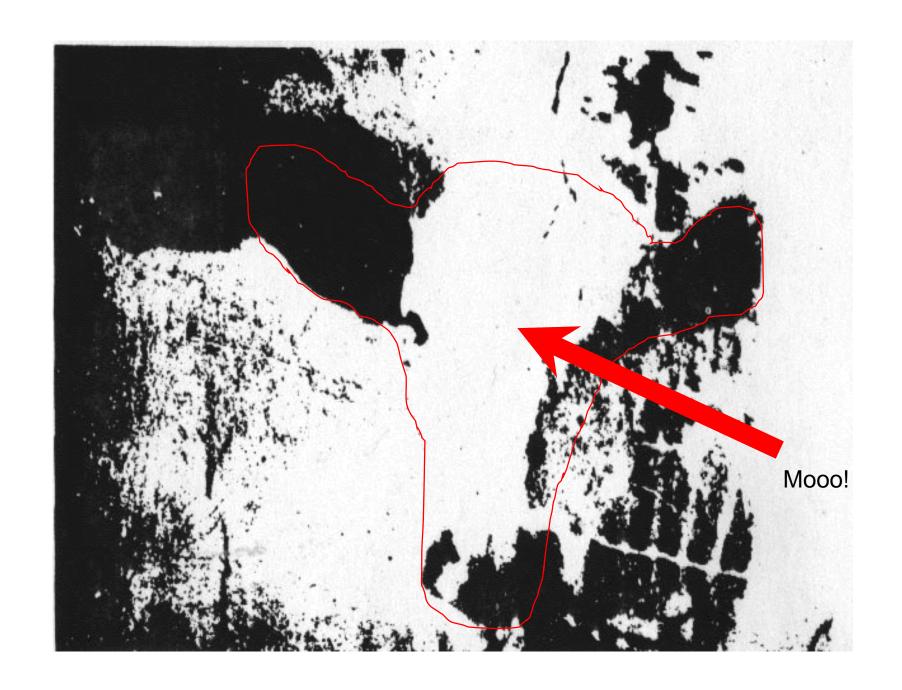
"We do not see reality; rather, we interpret what we see and call it reality"



NICHOLAS FAITH WHY AIR SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT The book every air traveller should read





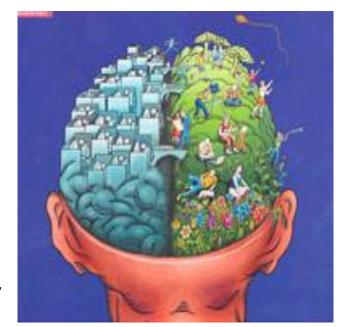






Cognition

... involves the processes by which knowledge is acquired, stored, recalled and revised, and involves perception, memory and forms of thinking such as conceptualisation and decision making.





AREA OF EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) ALTERNATE EXIT TO THE LEFT THEN RIGHT THEN LEFT THEN RIGHT THEN LEFT TO EXIT
- 2) UNLESS ASSISTING OTHERS EXIT USING STAIRS IMMEDIATELY
- 3) PICK-UP HANDSET ONLY TO RE-QUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



ONSTRUCTION SITE





SAFETY INDUCTION MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO ENTERING SITE

HUGE FUSUP CALL TODD 6751-1827 DEEP EXCAVATION

DEMOLITION IN PROGRESS

WORKERS OVERHEAD

EXPLOSIVE POWERED TOOL IN USE



FORKLIFT IN USE



NAILING TOOL IN USE KEEP CLEAR



WELDING IN PROGRESS



BEWARE OF CRANE

GET SERIOUS ABOUT WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY



SAFETY FOOTWEAR



SAFETY



EAR & EYE PROTECTION



SAJETY MARKESS MUST BE WORK



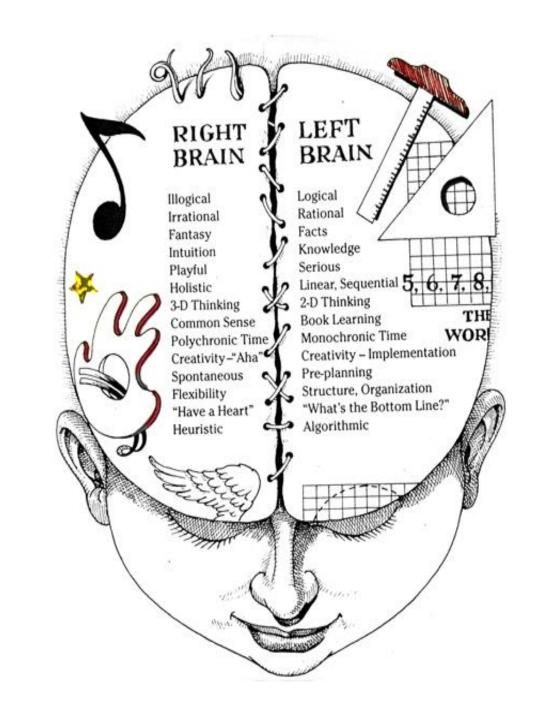
MUST BE USED

ALL SUBCONTRACTORS
ARE TO PRESENT
ELECTRICAL TOOLS
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SITE FOREMAN BEFORE
COMMENCEMENT

NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON THIS SITE

MUST BE WORN ON THIS SITE WHERE REQUIRED

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Turning anti-clockwise your left

You are using detail

brain (logic

oriented)

facts rule.....

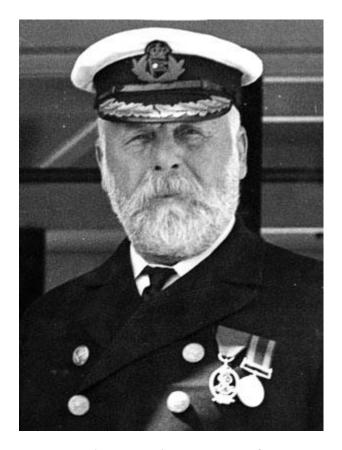
Turning clockwise?

You're using your right brain. (feelings, "big picture" -oriented, imagination rules....)

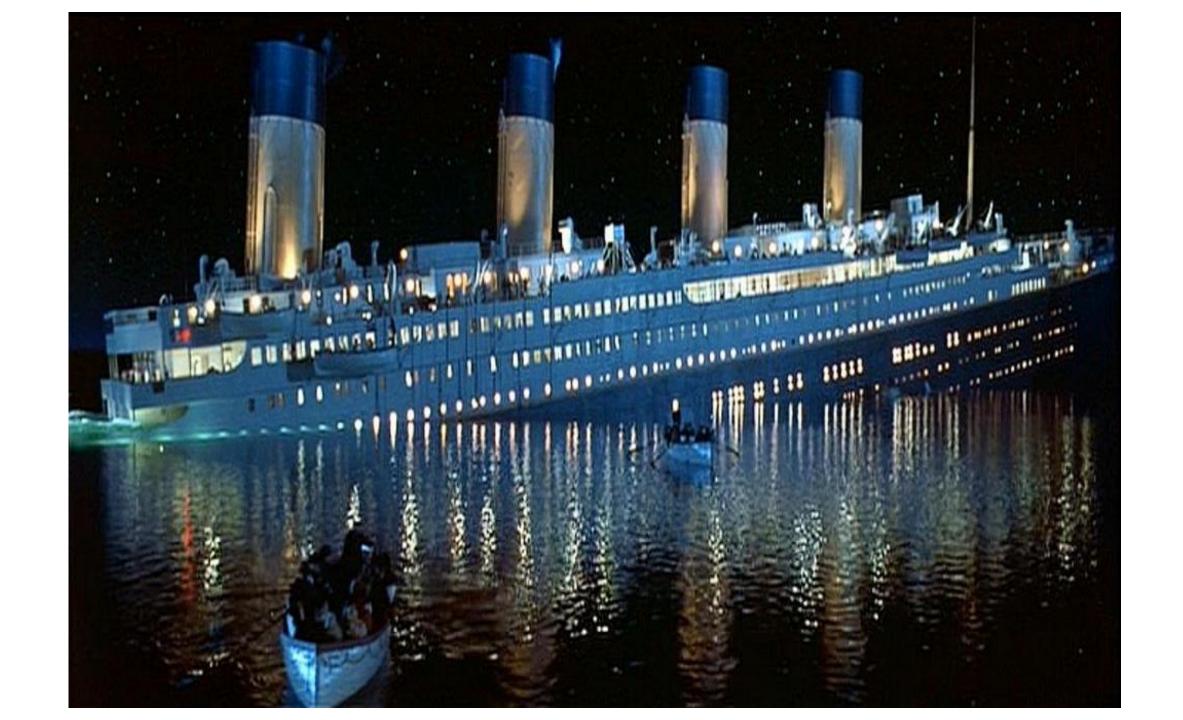
See if you can make her go one way & then the other.....

"When anyone asks how I can best describe my experience in nearly 40 years at sea, I merely say, uneventful. Of course there have been winter gales, and storms and fog the like, but in all my experience, I have never been in any accident of any sort worth speaking about.

I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked, nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort".



Edward J. Smith, Captain RMS Titanic.







The problem with understanding RISK

| | Almost Certain | Medium | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|---------|--------------|
| Likelihood | Likely | Low | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme |
| | Possible | Low | Medium | Medium | High | High |
| | Unlikely | Low | Low | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| | Rare | Low | Low | Low | Low | Medium |
| | | Negligible | Minor | Moderate | Major | Catastrophic |
| | | Consequences / Impact | | | | |

Our perceptions about risk varies tremendously...

...our brain automatically compares the present situation against a "standard" created in the mind through past experience.

However, it's critically important that the information you hold as *true* (as the "standard"), is in fact correct.....





| Live with a smoker – 6 months | 1 |
|--|----|
| Five X-rays at local hospital in one day | 3 |
| Fly around world in 747 – 3 stops | 9 |
| Work 4 shifts in underground mine | 4 |
| Do tandem skydive – from 14 000ft | 6 |
| Nuclear reactor in Europe – live 50 years | 10 |
| Swim one day at beach – after shark attack | 8 |
| One bottle of red wine in one day | 7 |
| Travel 5 km (3.1 miles) by car in local area | 2 |
| Eat 1 jar of peanut butter in one month | 5 |

General biases.....

Confirmation bias

Seek to confirm rather than try to disprove

Groupthink

Tendency for team to move towards agreement

Risky shift

 Decision by the team less cautious than members would make on their own

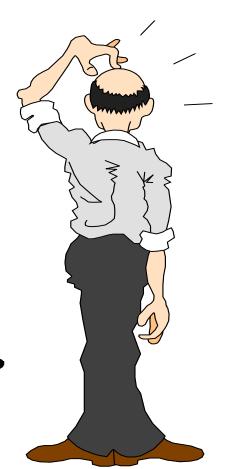
Hindsight bias

 Perceive past events as being more predictable than they would have been at the time

A thought for you!

Don't believe everything

you think....





Decision-making

"one choice taken from a range of options, and once taken may, exclude those other options"



Making a Decision

Making a decision is a complex process that only the human mind can do well & draws on:

- Workplace Safety Culture
- Risk Motivation
- Training
- Experience
- Information
- And much more!



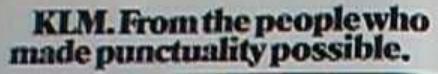
Culture

"the way we do things around here"

(when the boss isn't watching...)

"the virus you catch when you join us"





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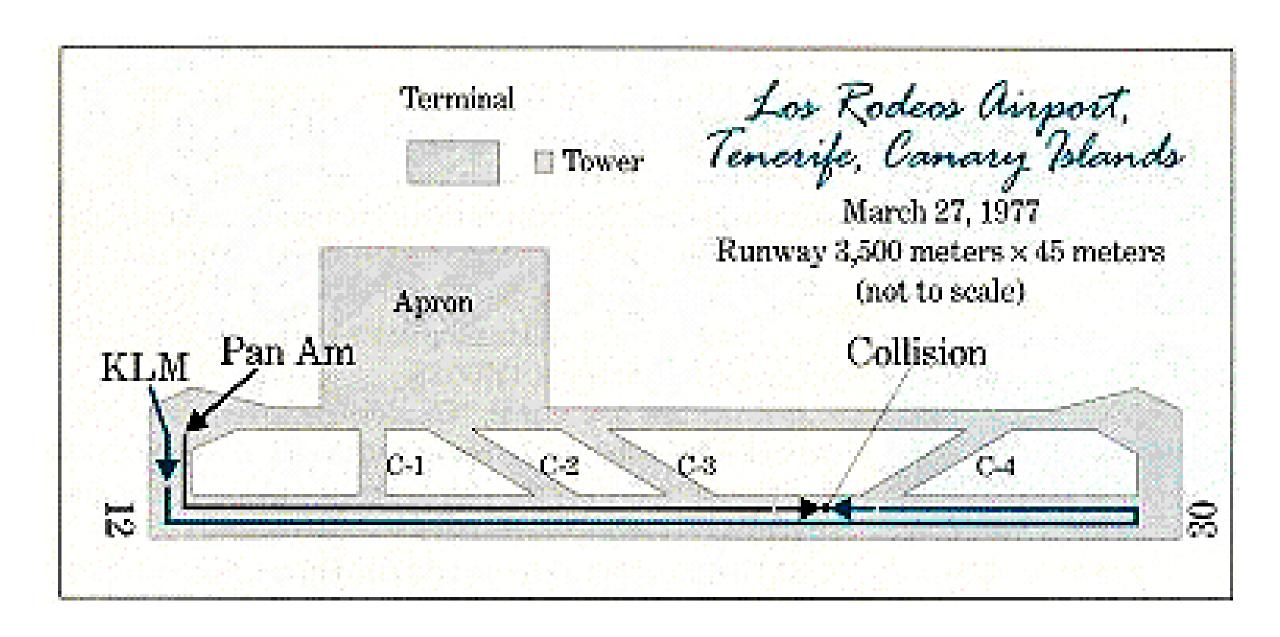
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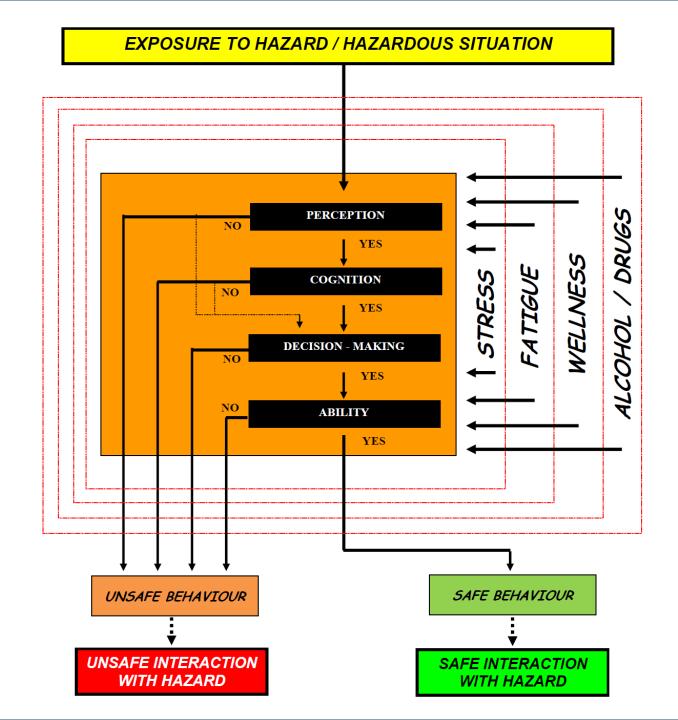


Fatigue.....



After 17 hours of sustained wakefulness, psychomotor performance decreases to the same level of impairment that is produced by a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 percent.

After 24 hours of sustained wakefulness, performance decreases to a level equivalent to that observed in people with a blood alcohol concentration of roughly 0.10 percent.











Understanding Human Risk Factors is just common sense

