



Human Factors Community of Practice

The WorkSafeBC human factor specialists are proposing regular community of practice meetings for human factor practitioners as well as other professionals who are interested in the science of human factors. The goal is to create a forum for individuals to collectively learn, and to share their knowledge and experiences to enhance the application and success of human factors.

Background

At WorkSafeBC the team of human factor specialists applies the science of human factors in fatal and serious workplace investigations to prevent re-occurrence and advance safety. In an investigation the spectrum of human factors is applied to determine what elements in the worker's environment may have influenced their decisions and actions. This process includes the examination of organizational management factors, facility layout, job design, tools, equipment machinery, information transfer and personal factors.

Included in the human factor scope is long term initiative that includes the analysis of shift schedules to determine the effect that cognitive fatigue may have had in certain situations. A Safety Issue Review process has also been established to research specific clusters of reoccurring workplace incidents from a human factor perspective. As part of our work we develop, write and deliver publications and presentations related to our research and/or investigation findings to promote the science and benefit of a sound human factors approach.

Primary Objectives

The Community of Practice aims to:

- Develop a repertoire of resources including: experiences, stories, tools, and ways of addressing recurring problems for sharing and use
- Engage in joint activities and discussions
- Share information and assets

- Build relationships to enable interaction and learning
- Promote an environment for active problem solving and brainstorming ideas
- Provide useful direction for information requests
- Discuss developments, projects, technologies, human factor news items
- Coordinate efforts to enhance human factor involvements
- Identify challenges and successes for human factors

Interested in attending:

If you are interested to attend and engage in our community of practice please forward the following:

- A biography including your education, experience and employment history
- How you are currently applying human factors
- Your interest in attending the human factor's community of practice
- Topics that you are interested in learning more about

Please RSVP to the event:

By email at humanfactors@worksafebc.com
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