

Preventing Tomorrow's Injuries Today

STOP MANAGING SPRAIN/STRAINS-ELIMINATE THEM!

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What Do These Workers Have in Common?

- Law Enforcement
- Fire Fighters
- Public Works
- Trade's People
- Librarians
- Food Service
- Office Personnel

- Maintenance
- Special Ed Aide
- Nurses
- Housekeeping
- Janitorial
- Utility Workers
- Parks and Rec

Ergonomic Injury Potential!

In fact 80% of the Population will experience a back incident in their life time!
HOW COME???

BASIS for F.I.T. RESEARCH

 If a problem persists you haven't discovered or corrected the true cause.

History/Future of Back Claims

History and Experience - 30 Years Ago?

Future Predictions of Back Claims

Why Do:

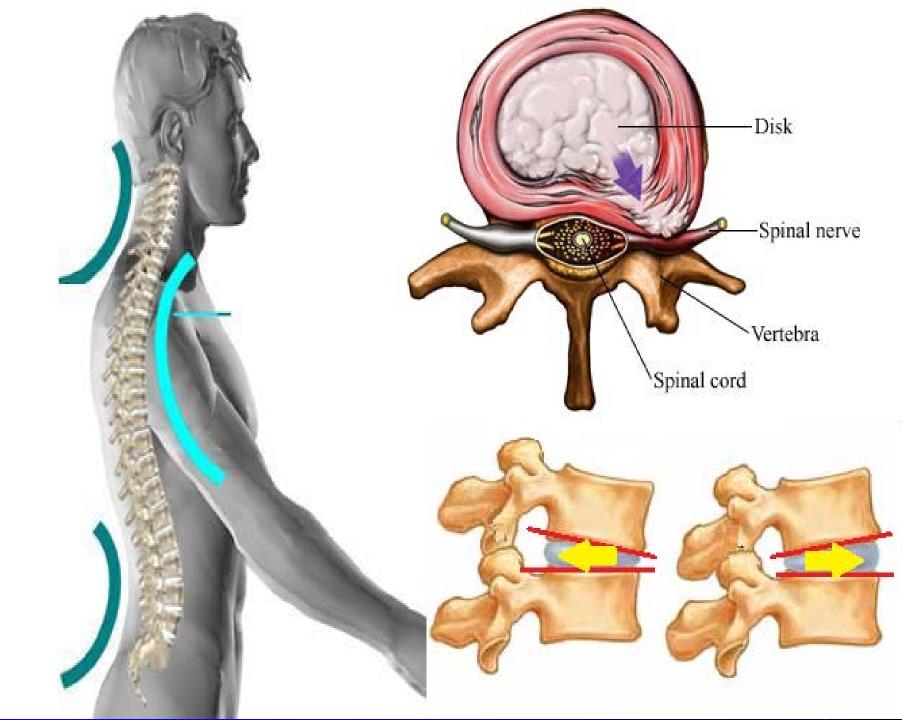
• 80% of the people in the US suffer from a back incident?

 MSD's cause 50-70% of workers' comp costs and lost workdays in many industries? What Was Missed!
 How Many Cylinders Does Vehicle Have?

How Many Bones Make up the Spine?

How Many Curves in the Spine?

What is the Most Harmful Motion to the Spine?



Omitted In Earlier Education

- What is Micro-Trauma?
- What Happens Me When It Accumulates?
- How Does the Spine Work?
- What is Happening to my Spine When I Sit?
- Why Should I Lift Correctly
- What Could Happen to Me if I Don't Learn?
- ABC's of Lifting, Bending, Keyboarding?













Micro-Trauma Accumulates

Cumulative Trauma Injury Cycle

- Fatigue
- Discomfort
- Pain
- Injury



What We Don't Know Could Hurt YOU!

- Mouse Position Favorite Beverage
- Keyboard Position Frankenstein
- Monitor-Head Weighs/3rd Grade Teacher
- Quality of Life

Sprain/Strain Injury Prevention Strategy

Correct Cause=Micro Trauma

 Solution=Reduce Micro-Trauma for Aging and Younger Workers-ALL EMPLOYEES

Is it Possible to Prevent Micro Trauma to Employees?

BIONOMICSTM(bio=body + nomics=manage)

 How to prevent the incurrence of Micro-Trauma.

 How to relieve any accumulation of Micro-Trauma through proper body management.

PENETRATING GREY MATTER

- Do You Bribe Employees with Free Donuts to Attend Safety Meeting?
- Who Wants Zero Pain More-Employees or Employer?
- EMPLOYEES WILL LISTEN-Especially Aging!

TEFLON TRAINING

Training Must Stick

 Eliminate Learning Barrier of Negative Emotion = Group Antagonism; Apathy; Boredom; Mistrust

Employee Training Breakthroughs

- Achieve \$\$ Goal-Train with Right Purpose-CARE!
- Employees ARE Different-CUSTOMIZE ALL Injury Prevention Training
- Kinesthetic Training Philosophy

Common Sense Dictated

 If a 12 year old girl can learn how to do a back flip on a balance beam, 4 inches wide and 4 feet off the ground....

 Your employees should be able to learn how to lift something.

If you can train a walrus to do a Sit-up.....



Traditional Training Media

- Video
- Lecture
- Slide Presentation
- Computer



Maxim For Effective Training

 The value of any training is only as good as it can be applied

 No Realizations=No Change in Behavior

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- 3. Workshop Introduction Must Secure Employee Buy-In
- 4. Theory Module
- **5. Customized Stretching Routine**
 - Prepare the body for physical stress
 - Relieves the body of accumulated stress
- 6. Kinesthetic Learning Module—Obstacle Course-Feel the Difference
- 7. Question & Answer
- 8. Course Critique-Modify Per Feedback
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Pre-Assessment

Task
Materials
Employees
Environment
Morale









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Obstacle Courses





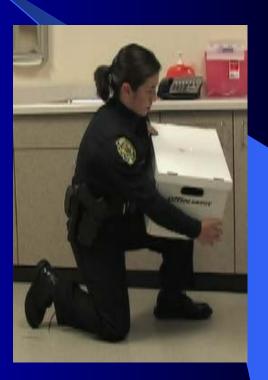




Backsafe® Application in Law Enforcement







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Ensuring Long-Term Results

Implement

Maintain

Reinforce

YOU CAN NOW DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!



Questions?



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