

The Power of Habit



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- BrushingTeeth
- Smoking
- Checking email



- Sending text messages
- Backing out of the garage or driveway



Habits are things we do automatically without thinking about them.



Habit Loop



Cue:

Stress



Routine:

Take a smoke break



Reward:

Actual or perceived stress relief





The habits of a forklift driver

Cue:

Obstructed Aisles







- Adrenaline level increasing
- Use of explosive phrases
- Forceful adjustments of obstacles



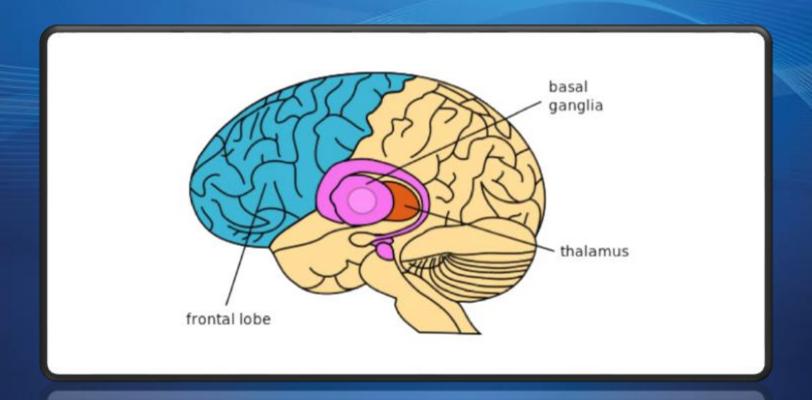


Reward:

Actual or perceived stress relief







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Habits are powerful



Can we change habits?



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Obstructed Aisles









Routine:

- Deep breathing to stay in control of the emotions
- Move obstacles or call for assistance

Reward:

• Stress relief







Change the routine!





Paul O'Neill, Alcoa

"You can't order people to change"



Reporting Injuries





Summary

- Identify bad habits in your workplace and determine cue, routine and reward.
- Have employee identify their bad habits and determine cue, routine and reward.
- Communicate bad habits with your employees and have them be a part of the solution.
- In order to change a habit, you must change a routine.
- You can help others change their routine.
- Work together with employees to make lasting changes.
- Be aware that changing a habit can take a long time (months).
 Do not expect habits to change within a short time

