

Using Wearable Technology, Leading Risk Indicators and Athletic Trainers to Engage Workers in Injury Prevention and Management

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BioErgo™ = Physiology-Based Ergonomics



- EMG sensor-based wearable technology assessment of job duty risk for musculoskeletal injuries
- Detect & mitigate risk for back strain, shoulder, knee and overuse injuries, etc.
- Train workers how to move better to decrease risk of injury

Wearable Technology for Ergonomic Assessments

Southern California Edison



Comprehensive Program Components



Personal State

Industrial Ergonomics Improving Ergonomics:

- Industrial Ergonomics Assessment Process
- Industrial Ergonomics
 Training
- OU-Specific Efforts

Addressing Risk Factors: Hazards &

Hazardous Activities

Return to Work

Preparing for Return to Work:

- Work Hardening/Conditioning
 - Strategic Accommodations

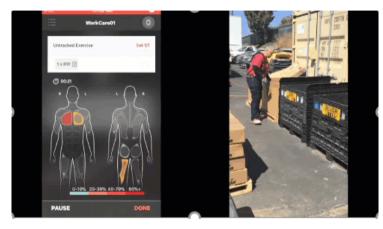
Addressing Risk Factors:

Hazardous System Conditions & Hazardous Personal Condition

• Designed to directly address factors that contribute to sprains & strains

• Comprehensive, data driven, tracked program

Sorting meters With exoskeleton Without exoskeleton

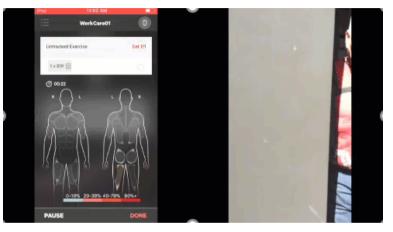




Very Low Risk: 0 2.99	- Low Risk: 3 – 5.9	9 Moderate Risk: 6 - 8.99	High Risk: 9 – 12
FIT Score	1.88	FIT Score	1.74
Elbow Risk	1.02	Elbow Risk	0.84
Shoulder Risk	2.17	Shoulder Risk	1.83
Back Risk	2.98	Back Risk	2.91
Hand/Wrist Risk	1.37	Hand/Wrist Ris	k 1.39

Storing meters

With exoskeleton



Without exoskeleton



FIT Score Very Low Risk	1.82	i	FIT Score	1.95
Shoulder Risk Elbow Risk	1.54 0.95		Shoulder Ris Elbow Risk	k 1.87 1.02
Back Risk	3.06		Back Risk	3.13
Hand/Wrist Risk	1.72		Hand/Wrist	Risk 1.78

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Wood Crossarm Assembly Tools

Staple Gun (hanging)

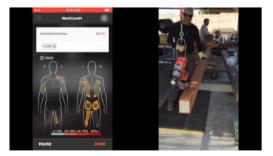
Staple Gun (held)



Hand/Wrist Risk	7.70
Back Risk	5.93
Shoulder Risk	6.90
Elbow Risk	6.36
FIT Score	6.72

Hand/Wrist Risk	6.93
Back Risk	4.41
Shoulder Risk	7.06
Elbow Risk	6.17
FIT Score	6.14

Hammer



Hand/Wrist Risk	7.38
Back Risk	5.39
Shoulder Risk	5.64
Elbow Risk	5.45
FIT Score	5.97

High Risk: 9 – 12



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Composite Crossarm Assembly Tools

Angle Nut Driver

Nut Driver Drill



Hand/Wrist Risk	7.99
Back Risk	5.40
Shoulder Risk	4.82
Elbow Risk	5.52
FIT Score	5.93

Hand/Wrist Risk 6.16 4.92 Back Risk Shoulder Risk 4.38 Elbow Risk 3.02 4.62 FIT Score

Hand/Wrist Risk	5.32
Back Risk	4.86
Shoulder Risk	4.75
Elbow Risk	3.07

High Risk: 9-12

Adjustable Speed Screwdriver



Hand/Wrist Risk	5.32
Back Risk	4.86
Shoulder Risk	4.75
Elbow Risk	3.07
FIT Score	4.50

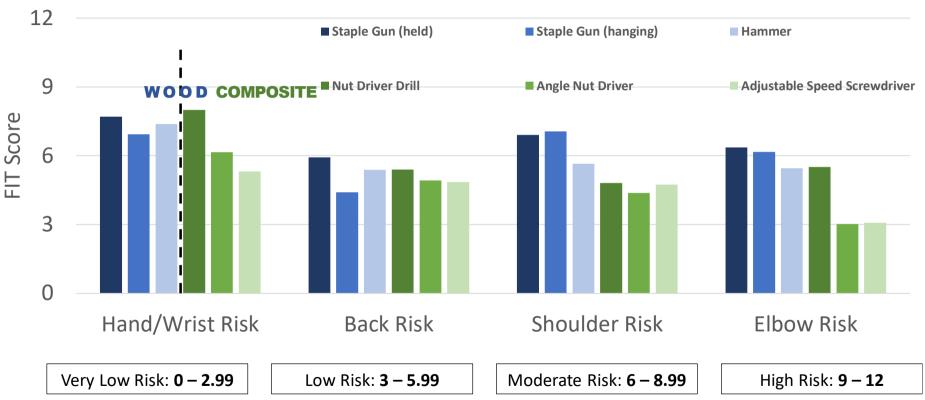


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Crossarm Assembly Tool Injury Risk



Comparison by Employee Height

Task	Worker	Hand/Wrist Risk	Back Risk	Shoulder Risk	Elbow Risk	FIT Score
Adjustable Speed Screwdriver	A	5.2573	4.9849	3.8484	2.0990	4.0474
	В	5.374	7 4.7274	5.6428	4.0508	4.9489
Angle Nut Driver	A	5.6816	5.1132	2.8727	1.8922	3.8899
	В	6.632	4.7265	5.8884	4.1505	5.3495
Hammer	Α	6.7939	6.2737	4.9392	4.4968	5.6259
	В	7.964	4.5020	6.3493	6.4117	6.3069
Nut Driver Drill	Α	7.1884	1 5.5937	5.0366	3.9875	5.4515
	В	8.8070	5.2027	4.5967	7.0450	6.4129



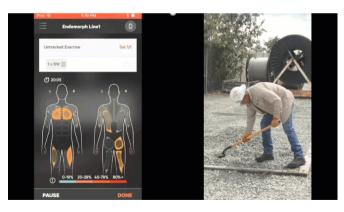


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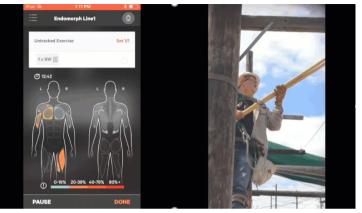
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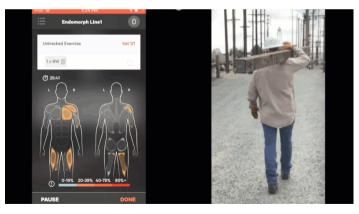
Installing a Crossarm



Various Shoveling Techniques



Replacing Conncetor



Various Crossarm Carrying Techniques

Leading Indicators & Athletic Trainers for Injury Prevention





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Athletic Trainers & Injury Prevention

- Why ATCs?
- Knowledge
- Skills
- Abilities
- Data Driven



Industrial Injury Prevention Specialists

Same Day Cumulative representing single ٠ and multi-site locations, all shifts, local and distributed workforces Same Day 1-2 Days 15% **Beyond 14** 1-2 Days 70% of musculoskeletal injury • 8% ■ 3-7 Days cases with IIPS intervention resolve within 14 days 8-14 Days 15% of cases resolve on day of • 3-7 Days first IIPS encounter 8-14 Davs 30% 17% Beyond 14 Days



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A Wearable Technology Case Study-Identification and Mitigation of Risk in a Distribution Center

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Wearable Technology Project Lead- Briotix Health



- Certified Athletic Trainer
- Industrial Sports Medicine Professional
- Master of Science: Kinesiology with an Emphasis on Human Performance
- Certified in Utilization of Functional Movement System
- Exoskeleton and Wearable Technology Project Lead
- Extensive Background in Body Mechanics, Human Performance and Ergonomic Education
- Strategic Use of Services and Technology to Drive Injury Prevention and Ergonomic Services

Wearable Technology Case Study



- Overview of the Problem and Project Set Up
- Project Plan and Implementation
- Future Utilization and Other Applications

International Beverage Distribution Company

Challenges They Saw



Rising Rates and Cost of Injuries

Impacting Production and Performance

Existing Infrastructure was not Sufficient

Dispersed and Varied Workforce

Project Goals









IDENTIFY AREA OF HIGHEST RISK

Individuals, Jobs and Tasks

IMPROVE EMPLOYEE AWARENESS

Self Tracking and Monitoring

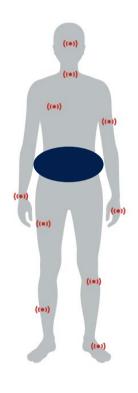
IMPROVE REPORTING CAPABILITIES

Site-Wide Analysis of Objective Movement Trends

PROVIDE DATA DRIVEN INTERVENTION

Individualized and Targeted Strategies

Innovative Strategy: Wearable Technology

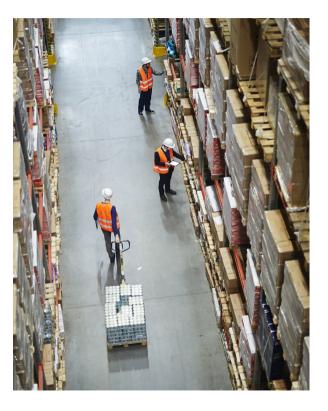


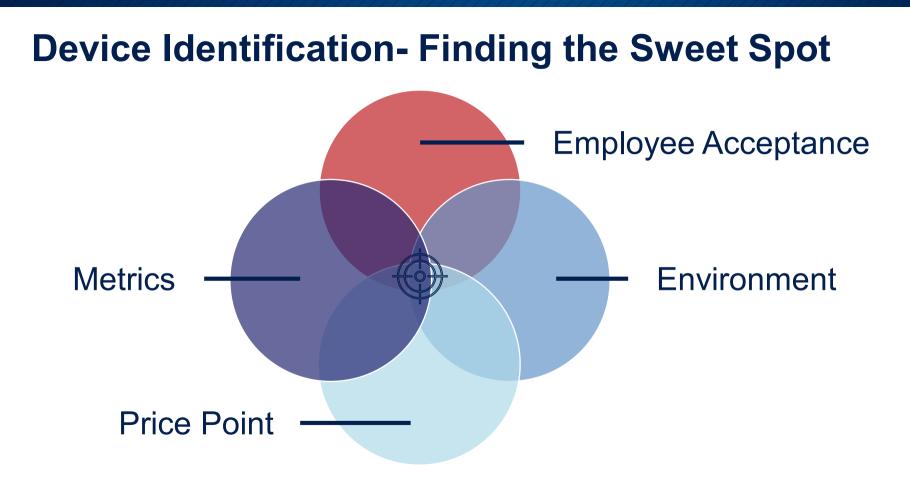


Speed of Movement

- Vibration
 - Environmental







Pilot Project Plan + Solutions Implemented

Scaling

Long Term Utilization

Data Analysis + Recommendations

Data Informed: Coaching + Haptic Feedback

Baseline Data Collection + Compliance

Training, Education + Recruitment

Pilot Project Launch





Training, Education + Recruitment

Baseline Data + Compliance

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Data Collection

Full Length of Shift



Five Days per Week

Six Consecutive Weeks

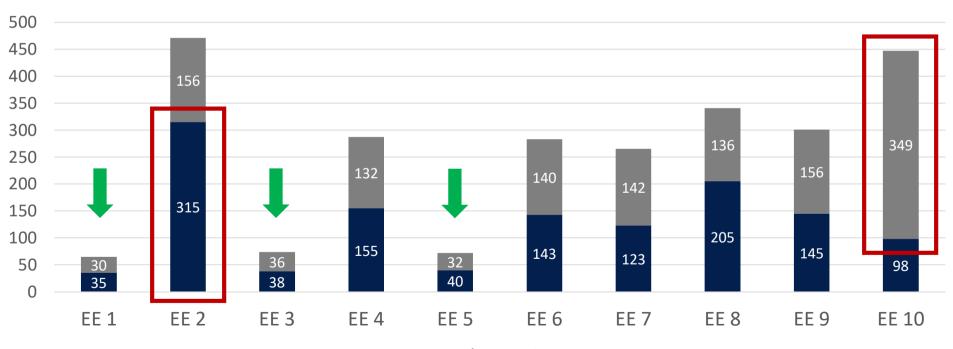
Informed Interventions

Haptic Feedback

Job Coaching

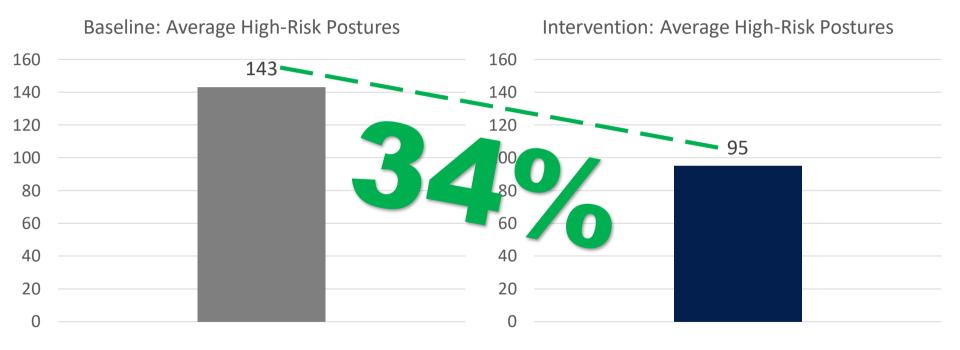
Employee Reports

Informed Interventions



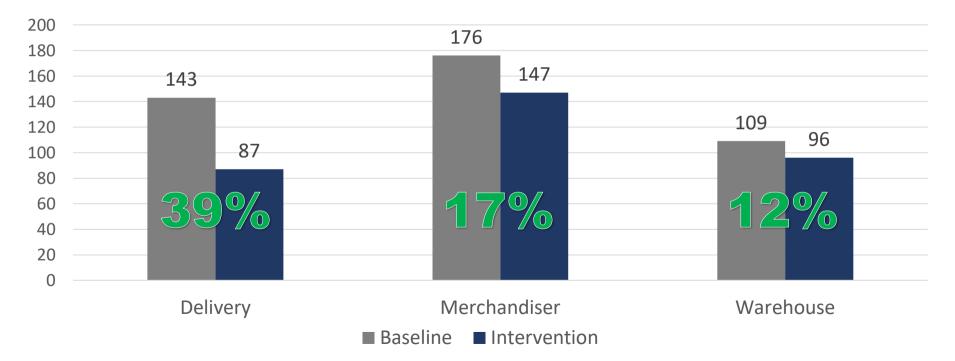
■ Bend ■ Twist

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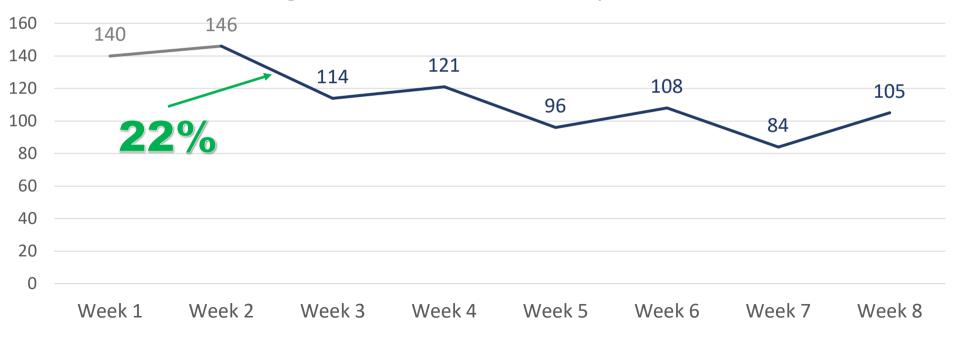


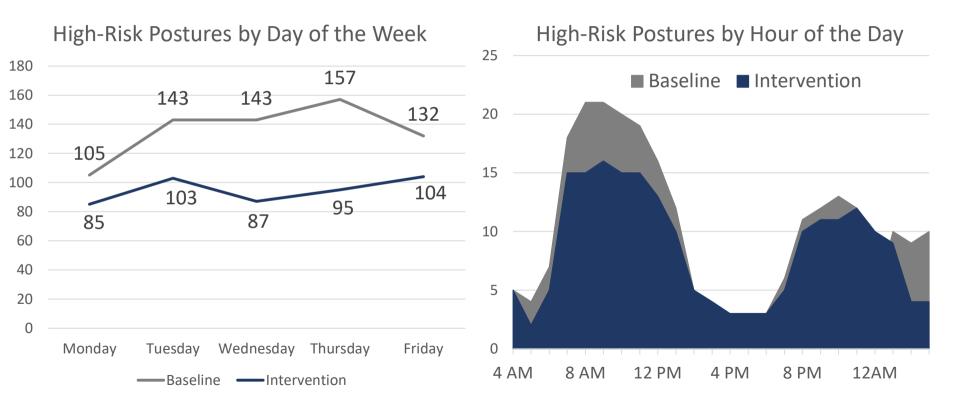
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High-Risk Postures by Occupation



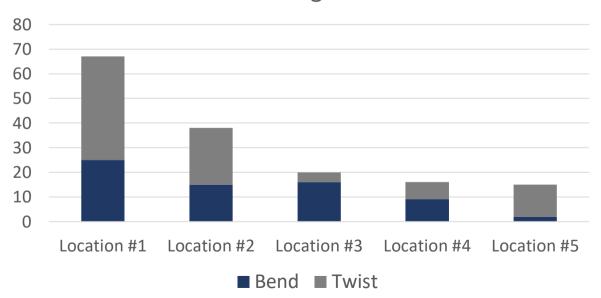
High-Risk Postures- Weekly Trends





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Delivery Drivers: Location Based High-Risk Movements





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Long Term Utilization + Scalability





Remote Employee Observation

Objective Metrics on High-Risk Postures

Ideal for Remote or Difficult to Observe Workforces

Identify High-Risk Movements Further Upstream

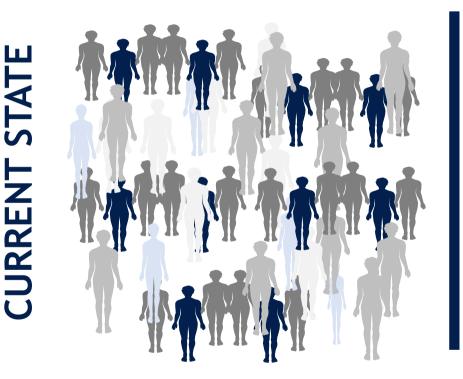
Improve Reporting and Trend Analysis



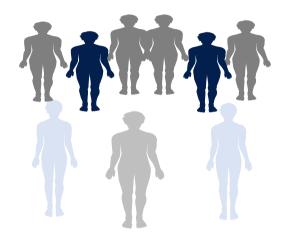
Objectively Measure Efficiency Improvements

Drive Employee Engagement and Awareness

Data Informed Injury Prevention + Ergonomics



FUTURE STATE



Targeted Interventions Focused on Highest Risk Employees

Future Utilization









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Think of Wearable Sensors as a TRIGGER for Interventions



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