

Programme Meeting Report

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Members' Corner Presentation: The SafeTea Break

George Elliott of 3M

The SafeTea Break is a recent initiative prepared in conjunction with Safety Groups UK.

Purpose:

- To tackle complacency within the workforce
- To build a positive safety culture
- To dismiss the perception that health and safety is the domain of health and safety managers and
- To encourage dialogue / engagement between management and the workforce regarding health issues by increasing awareness of the risks, whilst discussing ways in which they may be controlled and mitigated.

The most common health issues today are:

- ❖ falls from height
- ❖ work related hearing loss
- ❖ silica dust causing silicosis, lung cancer and lung disease.

The SafeTea Break information can be downloaded from the website or kits are available free of charge. Presentation time should be approximately 15-20 minutes.

The Kit Contains: A series of cards to guide the safety professional through the choreographed toolbox talk containing the five key health risks at work:

- ❖ **Breathing**
- ❖ **Hearing**
- ❖ **Skin**
- ❖ **Hand-arm vibration**



❖ **Musculoskeletal disorders**

For an **Ambassador Pack** of pre-prepared marketing materials – which include Posters and Banners – simply contact kfaulkner@mmm.com for details.

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Key points from Members' Presentation Questions:

- Editable versions of the posters and letterheads are available on the website and there are some letterheads where you can insert your own logo.
- The 'SafeTea break' can take place at any time during the working day (not just within the tea break!)

George invited any Members who implement the SafeTea Break to provide feedback of their experiences by way of a Members' Corner presentation.