

Driving and the

brain

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER TOOLBOX SESSION











Verified fatigue sleep events occurring while driving every day (meaning the driver's eyes are closed for 1.5 seconds or more).



This is up 32 percent from September to November 2022 compared to the same time in 2021.

Source: Guardian NZ data













134 verified mobile phone events per day. These drivers have been viewing or talking on their mobile phones for some time while driving and not on hands-free!



These mobile distraction events increased by almost **20 percent from September to November 2022** compared to the same time in 2021.

Source: Guardian NZ data













From the road toll, around **10 deaths occurred each year** for heavy vehicle drivers, with health and fatigue was the biggest contributing factor along with substance use.

Source: Research to reduce fatal crashes in professional truck drivers. Dr Rebecca Lilley, Injury Prevention Research Unit, University of Otago.











It also found that a poor working lifestyle contributed to poor health

- 1. Sedentary work
- 2. Frequent nights away from home
- 3. Long, monotonous hours of driving
- 4. Inflexible work schedules
- 5. Higher than average sleep issues for many drivers





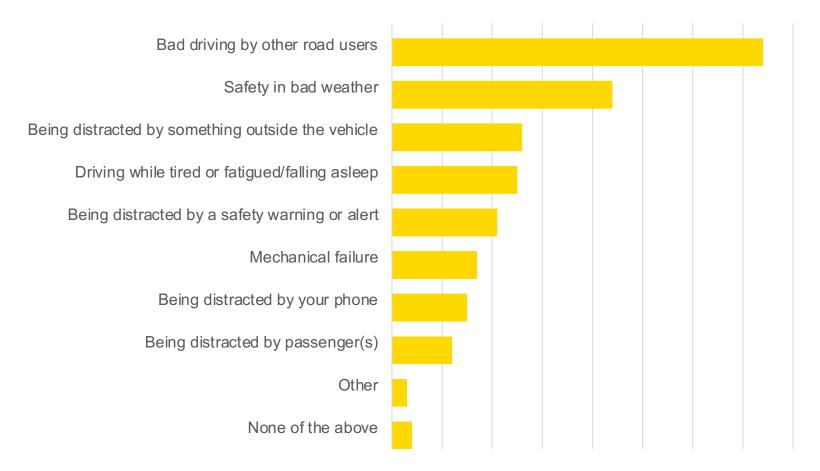






Driver Concerns

NZI research report shows driver fatigue and distraction are high on the list of driver concerns.



Source: NZI Improving road safety through technology report 2022

























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The brain, parts of the brain and what they do



How it works when driving











The human brain







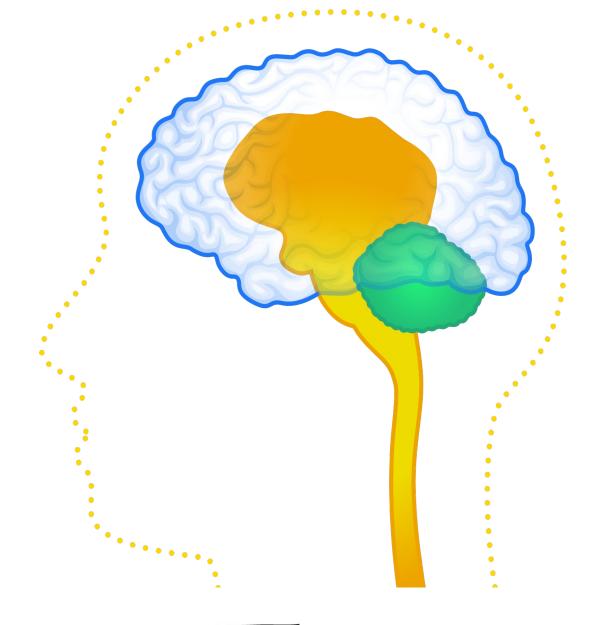






The green brain is the movement brain.

The front half of the blue brain is for executive decisions. You need both to drive!



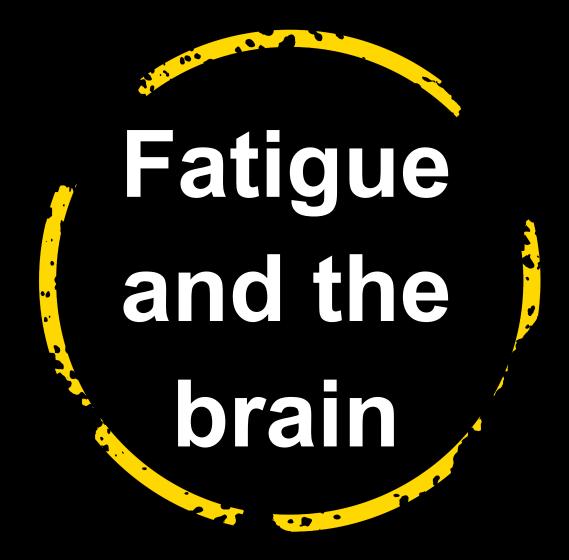










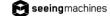








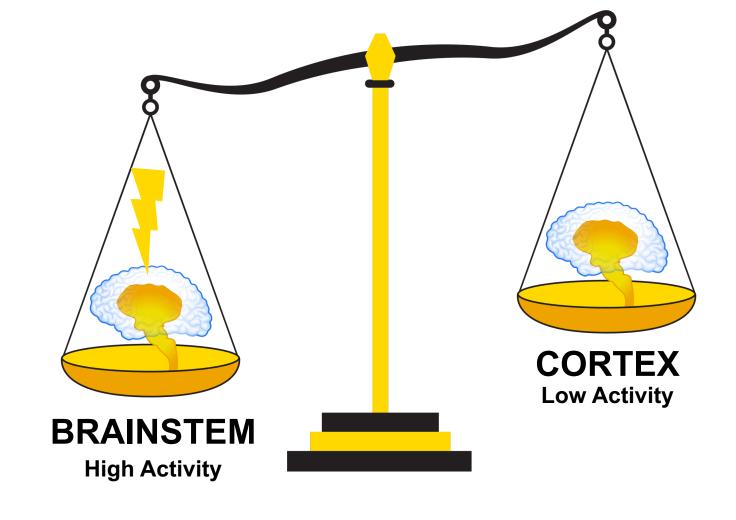




Fatigue

As one side increases, the other declines – and vice versa

To really be using your cortex, your brainstem needs to be calm, but the brainstem is in charge













Tips to combat fatigue

20 mins regular exercise

Stay hydrated

NASA 26 minute power nap

Ritual is the next best thing

Routine is your friend!











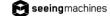
























Tips for a good sleep

Darken the room - the darker it is the more melatonin you release

Basically the same with noises

Routine is your friend

A bed time ritual

A colder room induces a deeper sleep

No alcohol 2 hours before sleep











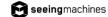






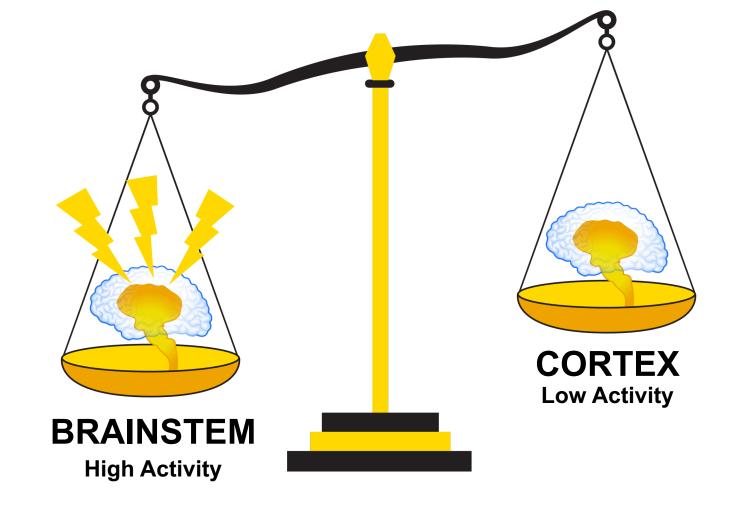






Stress

Now add a turbo charger to the brainstem













Tips to reduce stress

Get rid of the kids (Lol)

Regular exercise

Mindfulness

Limit sugar

Self talk uses solution focus technique













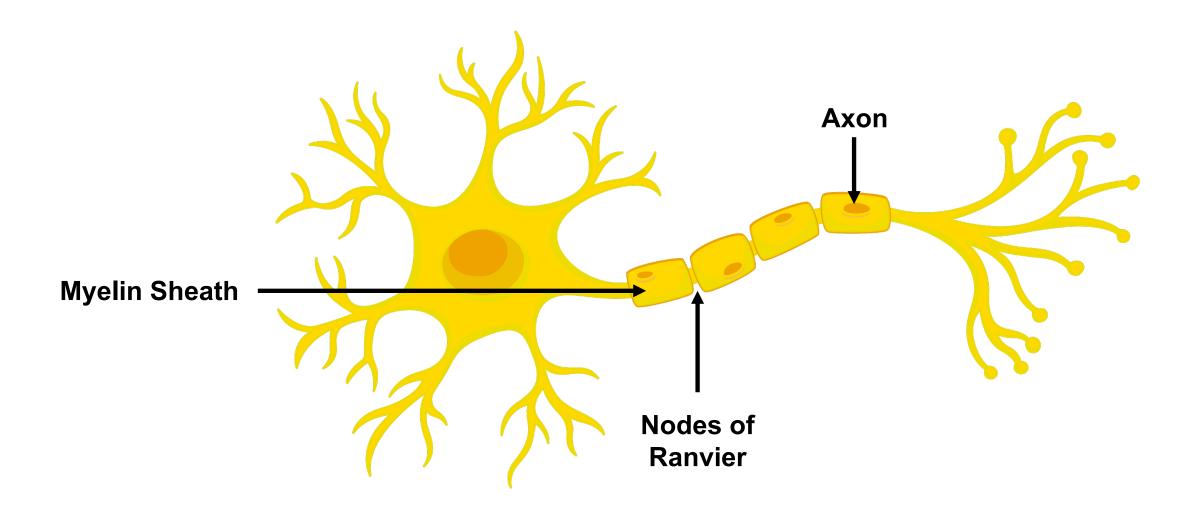






















Tips to reduce distraction

Put the phone out of reach

Form new rituals

Send a group text explaining.
Be a role model!

Reward
yourself when
you have
succeeded

Stay hydrated











Q+A with Nathan











Morning tea













Kelly McLuckie

Success Formula









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We help to:



Build your culture and leaders

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performance
(safety, insurance,
productivity)

Manage change

Engagement and behaviours











Session Two

Your desired & current state

Best practice for toolboxes / safety conversations

Creating your action plan











What were your key 'takeways' from Nathan/Greg in SESSION1











What is your desired future state? How would your team act? feel? think?











What is the current state of communication (toolboxes/safety conversations)?

























Make objectives clear



Have the right people



Stick to schedule



Agree rules



Start on time, end on time



Allocate roles



Follow-up























Online resources

Here are some tools that you can download and use to educate your teams.

More tools will be added over time. If there is something that isn't here that you think would be good, then get in touch.

Distraction

Driver flyer



Driver board



Toolbox presentation



Distraction podcast



MacBook Pro











What is your plan for sharing these ideas/stories with your team?











Anyone want to share their plan?











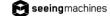














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Use STAR

6 Keep calm













Q+A with Murph











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