HUMANS AT HOME

Online Training for Psychohygiene & Self-Care

Handout

Agenda

What do we need to stay healthy?

How can self care work?

How can I create more structure?

Characteristics
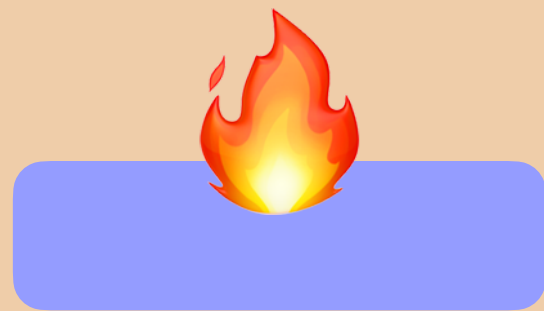# of new work environments

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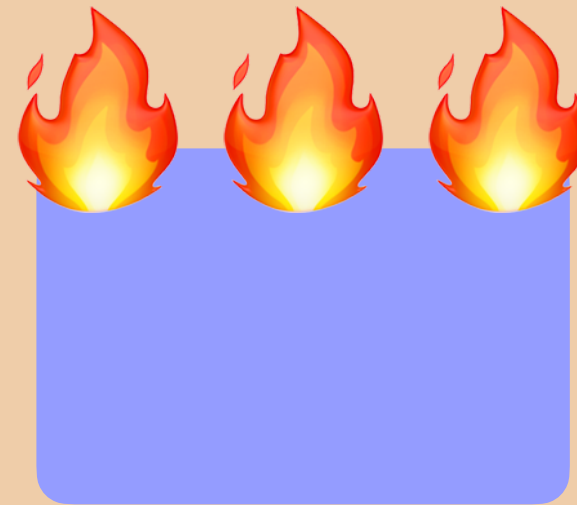| More communication & availability | Stronger identification with one's job | More self-control and responsibility | Blurred boundaries between ‚life' & ‚work' |

Steidelmüller (2018)

Dissolution of work boundaries and increase of burnout cases

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2004

2020

0.6 cases of incapacity to work (AU)
per thousand members due to burnout

5.5 cases of incapacity to work (AU)
per thousand members due to burnout

Meyer et al. (2021)
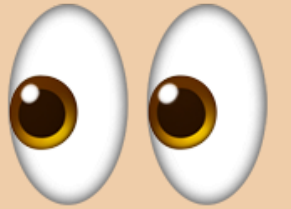
Needs

Examples

Food	Sleep	Hydration
Exercise	Belonging	Security
Control	Freedom	Self-actualization
Recognition	Relaxation	...

Unmet Needs

Fatigue

Nervousness

Tension

Headache

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Irritation

Strategies

Self Care

Time Boxing

Self-Care

Routines

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- provide structure & predictability
- buffer negative effect of stress on mental health
- specially useful in times of crises

Movement

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- reduces stress hormones
- activates the dopamine system
- increases well-being & reduces negative affect

Breath

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- activates parasympathetic nervous system
- reduces stress
- triggers a ‚relaxation mode'

Balance

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- prevents burnout
- helps to regenerate from work
- positive effect on professional and private relationships

Time Boxing

Structure

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- There is no such thing as multi-tasking but task-switching.

Deep Work

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- Having a phone in sight can decrease productivity by 26%.
- After an interruption it takes averagely 23min to return to the topic.

Availability

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- Constant availability increases stress and decreases well-being in teams.

Breaks

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- Active breaks boost recovery AND performance.
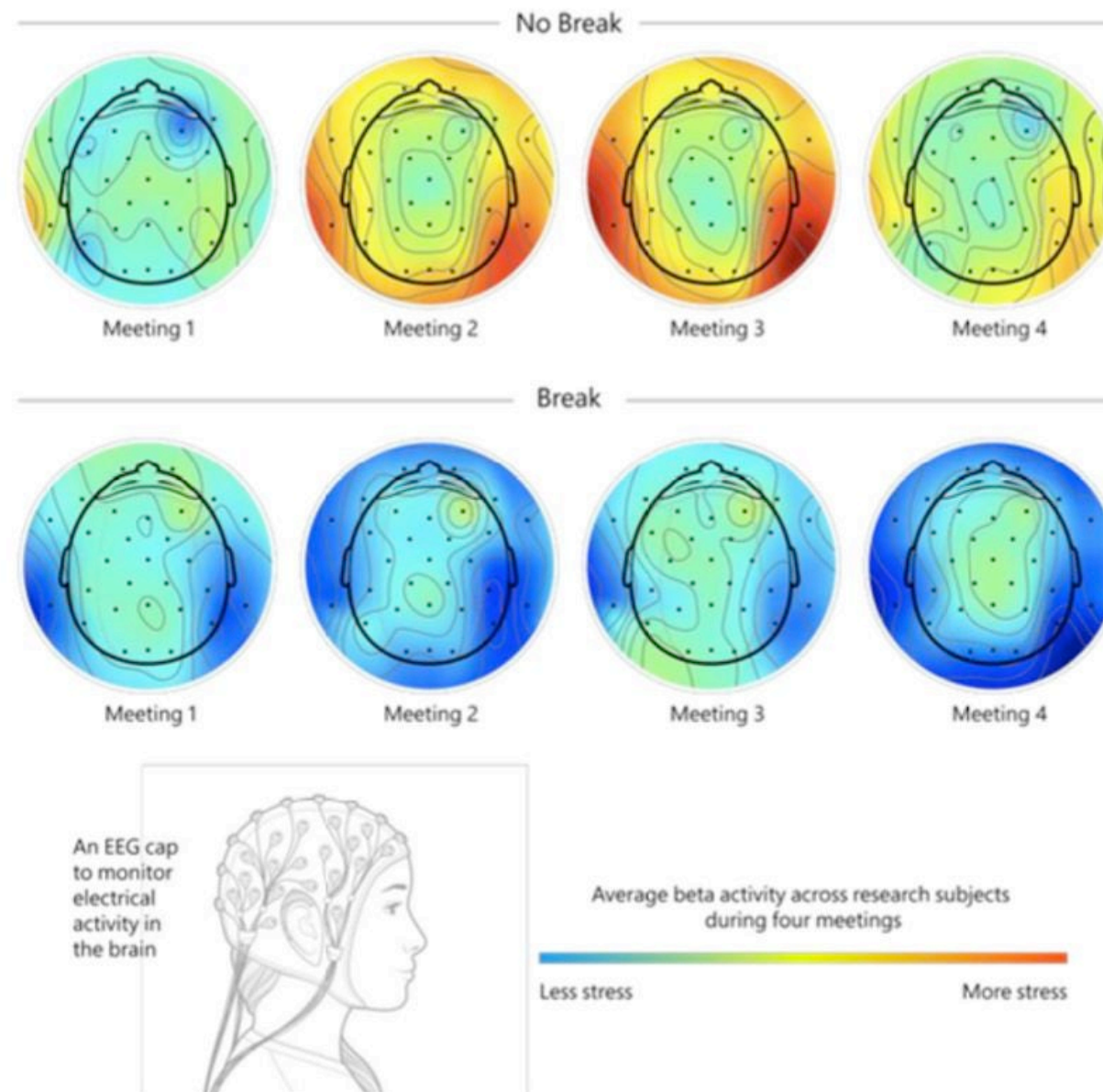
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Every workplace should have at least one day a week with no meetings—possibly more.

76 companies tested meeting-free days. Productivity & satisfaction increased, stress dropped, communication & cooperation improved.

Blocking out time to focus is good for people and performance.

Laker, Pereira, Budhwar, & Malik (2022)

Pausen

No Break

Meeting 1   Meeting 2   Meeting 3   Meeting 4

Break

Meeting 1   Meeting 2   Meeting 3   Meeting 4

An EEG cap to monitor electrical activity in the brain

Average beta activity across research subjects during four meetings

Less stress   More stress

Your brain works differently when you take breaks

Taking time out between video calls prevents stress from building up. *Microsoft's Human Factors Lab used EEG caps to measure beta wave activity— associated with stress—in the brains of meeting participants. For those given breaks, their average beta wave activity remained largely steady over time; the*

Outlook Tipp

The order is key

Covey (2020)

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1 In order to stay healthy, pay active attention to your needs.

2 Self care can be many things: exercise, check-ins or routines.

3 Deliberately plan time slots for deep work, breaks and meetings.

4 Define and prioritize your „big stones" each week in order not to lose sight of what is important.

5 Use the WOOP method to put concrete plans into action.

And if everything fails?

☎️ Phone counselling: 0800.1110111 und 0800.1110222

🛋️ Therapy / Coaching
www.psych-info.de / SHITSHOW

🔥 Psychiatric outpatient clinics

If you want to learn more

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Tools

- Motivation Method: WOOP
- Tracking Tool: Ein guter Plan
- Journaling: 6 Minute Diary
- Mindfulness: Headspace
- Time Management: Pomodoro

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