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## RETHINKING BURNOUT

When self-care alone is not the cure

Handout



### Agenda



#### 1 What is burnout?

- 2 How do I recognize it?
- 3 How does burnout develop?
- 4 What can I do about it personally?
- 5 What can we do about it collectively?

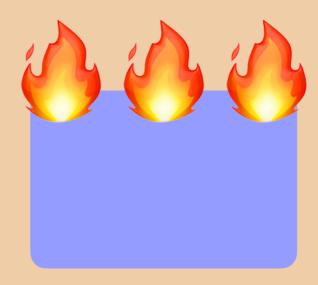


#### Accumulation of burnout cases



#### 2004

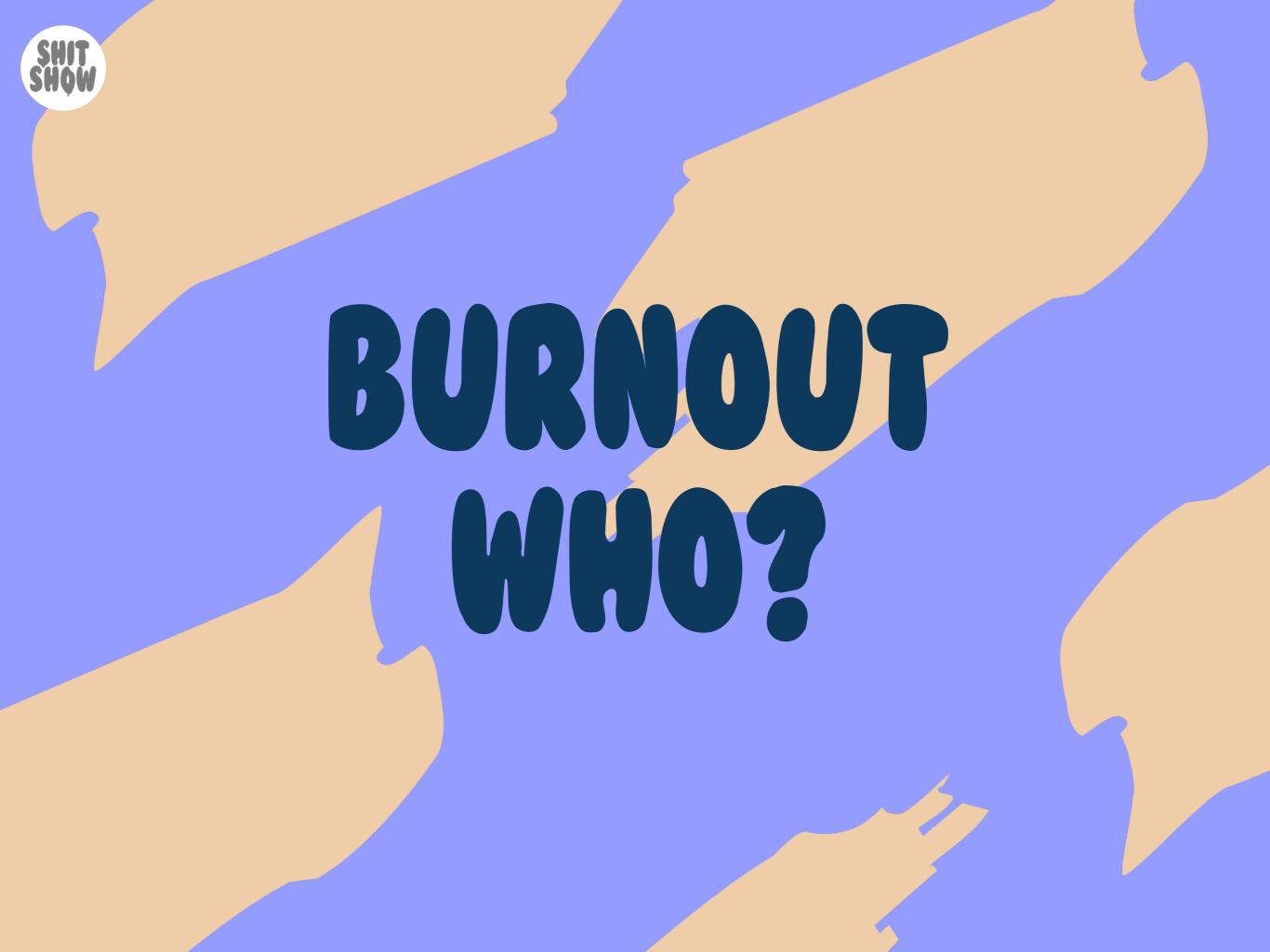
0.6 sick leaves per thousand members due to burnout



#### 2020

5.5 sick leaves per thousand members due to burnout

Meyer et al. (2021)





#### Burnout

Described since the 70s

Consequence of overload Syndrome and no diagnosis



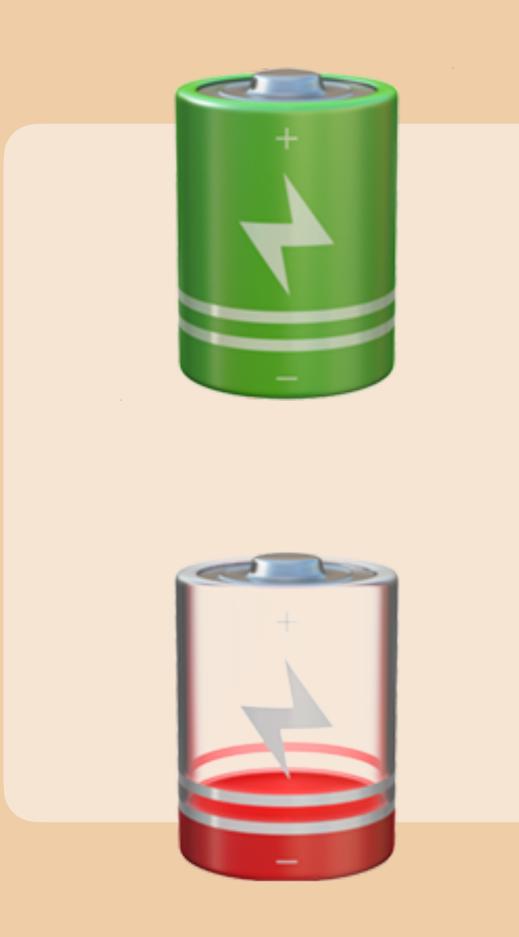
Burn-out is a syndrome conceptualized as resulting from chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed. It is characterized by three dimensions:

energy depletion or exhaustion
 negativism or cynicism related to one's job
 reduced professional efficacy

WHO, ICD-11







**1. Heightened ambition** 2. Increased engagement **3. Neglect of own needs 4.** Suppression of conflicts **5.** Reconversion of values 6. Denial of problems 7. Social withdrawal 8. Change in behavior 9. Depersonalization **10. Inner emptiness 11. Depressive symptoms** 12. Total exhaustion

Freudenberger & North (1992)





### Who has what influence?





#### Society



- High-performance society
- Economic growth
- VUCA



#### **Organization and team**

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- High workload and time pressure
- Poor communication
- Little appreciation and support
- Little control
- No role clarity
- Fearful error culture



#### Individual

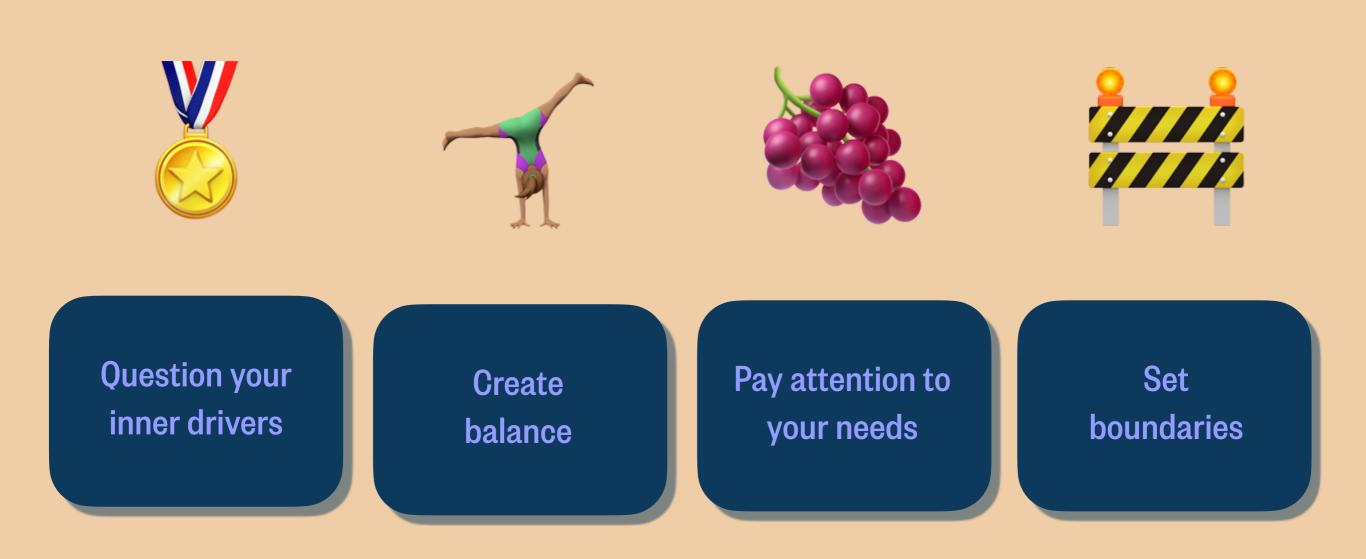


- Perfectionism
- (Over-) Identification
- Relationship motives





## What can I do myself?





# BOUNDARIES



#### Every "no" is also a "yes"





## What can we do collectively?





## **Outlook Tipp**

•••	Kalender	Alle anzeigen Q Suchen
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	Arbeitstag endet: 17:00 📀	
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Andere Zeit vorschlagen





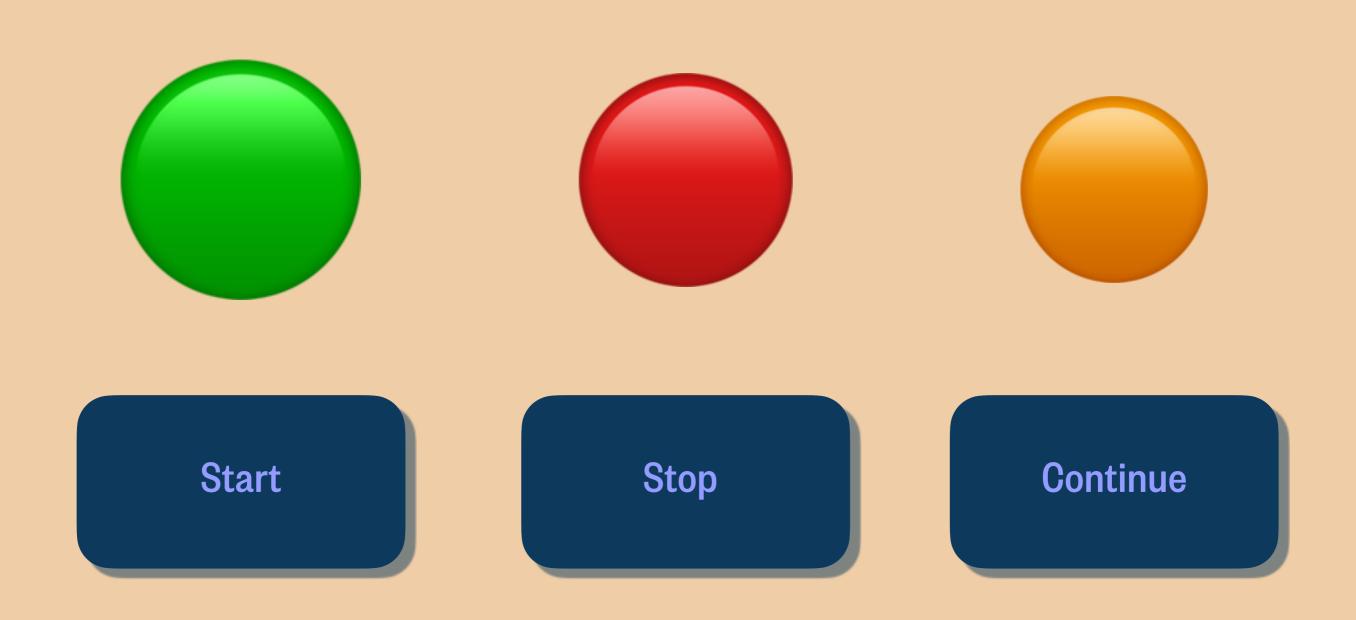
Every workplace should have at least one day a week with no meetings—possibly more.

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.



### Retrospectives







#### Weekly Capacity Check

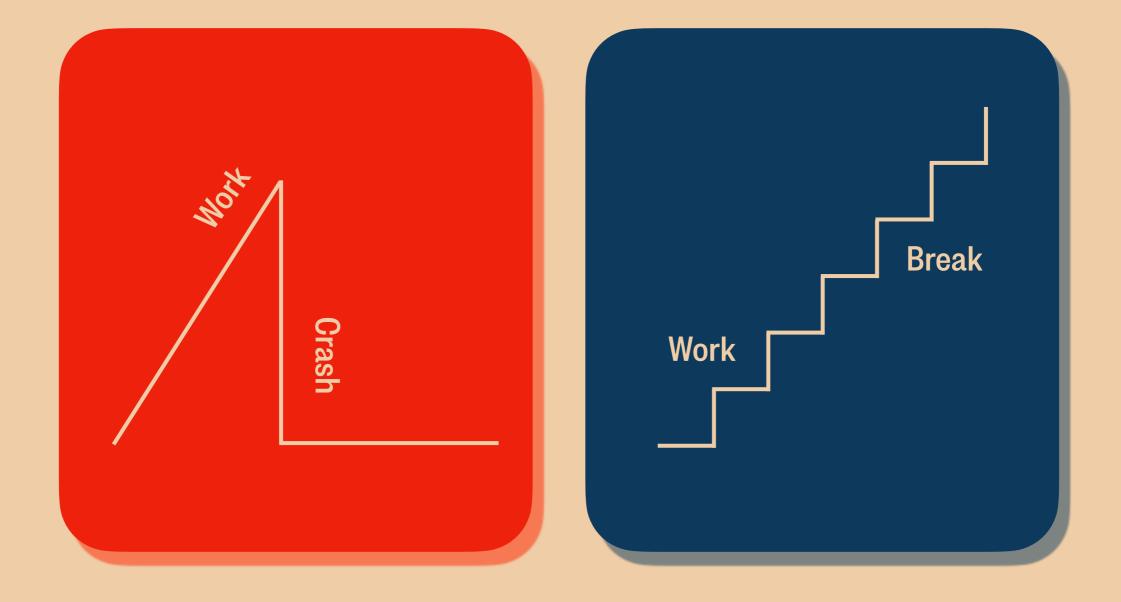
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	Marieke	2,1	2	2			
	Johanna	2	2,5	2			
	Clara						
1,5–2 Ich bin frei für wei	tere Aufgaben, immer her damit						
2 Normaler, entspannter Arbeitstag							
2–2,5 Ich muss mich auf ohne meine Grenzen zu übe	meine Aufgaben konzentrieren, bit	te keine weiteren Themen (Alles	bis 2,5 ist also das "normale	Limit", hier arbeite ich			
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2,6–3 Ich arbeite über meine Grenze hinaus							

#### How does it work?

- Ask in the beginning of the meeting each person how there week has been so far
- 1,5–2: I'd like to get more tasks
- 2: My days are very relaxed
- 2,1–2,5: Please no further tasks;
  My capacity is full
- 2,5: I'm on the edge
- 2,6–3: I'm crossing my boundaries right now; I need support



## Left or right?





The 3 leading symptoms of burnout are: Exhaustion, cynicism and drop in performance



In addition to chronic stress, there are individual, team and social factors that increase the risk of burnout



Burnout prevention is not the job of single people but a "team sport"



Protective team factors are: Appreciation, breaks, fear-free error culture and realistic goal planning



Individual strategies can be the following: questioning your own inner drivers, creating balance, perceiving and respecting your own needs and setting boundaries



## And what about support?



Phone counselling: 0800.1110111 und 0800.1110222



Therapy / Coaching <u>www.psych-info.de</u> / SHITSHOW



Psychiatric outpatient clinics



## If you want to know more



#### Resources

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#### Tools

• Questionnaire: Maslach-Burnout-Inventory



## If you want to know more

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