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*Knowledge, strategies and tools to achieve peak performance and safety
through optimal sleep and alertness*

Everyone seeks a competitive advantage that will enhance their opportunity for success, whether achieving peak performance or maximum safety in life's endeavors. People expend tremendous effort, time and expense in pursuit of these objectives, yet ignore or minimize critical and basic factors that can make a significant difference. Work schedules, 24/7 operations, and travel across time zones pose unique human physiological challenges that include the disruption of sleep and the internal body (circadian) clock. The resulting fatigue can create performance risks that increase errors, incidents, and accidents.

To address this critical performance and safety issue, Alertness Solutions has created Z-Coach[®], an innovative, comprehensive online program that offers state-of-the-art scientific knowledge, practical strategies and tools to enhance sleep, alertness, performance and safety. Individuals in an organization can access Z-Coach 24/7 for maximum flexibility and tailor the program to their specific interests and needs. Z-Coach includes the following components:

- 1) *ZProfile*. In 5 minutes, provides a portrait of an individual's sleep need, habits, schedule, etc.
- 2) *Risks/Costs*. A short (12-minute) introduction to fatigue-related performance and safety risks
- 3) *Sleep Basics*. A 45-minute module on the basic physiological fatigue factors: sleep, sleep loss, sleep disorders, and circadian rhythms
- 4) *Alertness Strategies*. Practical information on 10 scientifically validated fatigue countermeasures that can enhance sleep, alertness, and performance
- 5) *Quizzes*. Tests of Sleep Basics and Alertness Strategies knowledge acquisition
- 6) *Sleep Skills Training*. Good sleep habits and environmental factors to promote sleep
- 7) *Awake at the Wheel*. Guide, interactive exercises and 32-minute audio program on drowsy driving
- 8) *Tools*. Instruments for self-evaluation of sleep and alertness
- 9) *Exercises*. Interactive exercises to apply Z-Coach information in an individual's daily life
- 10) *Resources*. This section includes web links, scientific papers, relevant books, and videos



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Z-Coach Benefits

- comprehensive program and ongoing resource, not one-time class
- 24/7 access for maximum flexibility to accommodate any schedule
- consistent information for all personnel
- self-paced, individuals can tailor to their interests and needs
- efficient, consistent, cost-effective for new hires and recurrent activities
- ongoing updates and new content
- Program approach addresses individual differences and complexity of issues
- straightforward, low effort implementation
- email notification to initiate Program
- easily expanded/extended to more personnel and sites
- user tracking: logins, quiz scores, progress, usage
- personalized welcome letter/logo for organization
- privacy, confidentiality of online Program
- provided by external, private, third-party
- based on world-class scientific/applied expertise

Z-Coach Value: the potential to . . .

- increase knowledge to A-level education
- enhance sleep quantity and quality by 20%
- use strategies that boost performance by 34%, alertness by 54%
- improve productivity by 17%
- expand safety margin: reduce errors, incidents, and accidents
- decrease absenteeism, increase presenteeism
- improve health, reduce healthcare costs
- reduce drowsy driving risks/costs
- use countermeasures that effectively manage sleep loss
- address an acknowledged safety issue
- implement a shared responsibility approach to issues
- address organizational responsibility/liability
- implement proactive rather than reactive efforts
- enhance communication/collaboration on complex issue
- demonstrate organizational and industry leadership

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Enhancing safety and performance through optimal sleep and alertness.

For over 10 years, Alertness Solutions has provided innovative and effective solutions that enhance safety, performance, and health in diverse settings. By delivering practical, scientifically based strategies, Alertness Solutions has improved the lives, safety, and productivity of individuals, organizations and systems all over the world. Using a solution-oriented approach to create relevant and cost-effective outcomes, Alertness Solutions provides opportunities to enhance safety and performance in our 24/7 global society.

Alertness Solutions' scientists blend extensive scientific expertise developed from outstanding academic training and research with real-world operational knowledge refined during years as part of the internationally-recognized NASA Fatigue Countermeasures Program. The unique combination of scientific expertise, operational knowledge, NASA experience, and an outcome-driven business approach allows Alertness Solutions to create tailored solutions that make a difference.

Over the past decade, Alertness Solutions has worked with over 150 world-class organizations in diverse industries, including all modes of transportation, healthcare, public safety, manufacturing, and energy. Other activities have involved public policy and regulations, accident investigation, and legal matters. Elite law enforcement, military, and athletic groups have used Alertness Solutions' expertise to enhance performance and safety in extremely challenging circumstances. Some representative highlights of Alertness Solutions activities include:

- Created industry-leading model Alertness Management Programs with BP (British Petroleum), Union Pacific Railroad, NAV Canada (air traffic services), Greyhound, and JB Hunt trucking
- Hilton Hotel activity to improve the sleep environment of U.S. Olympic athletes (program generated 500M media hits/exposures)
- Innovative JetBlue effort demonstrated the effectiveness of an Alertness Management Program to enhance sleep and performance
- Projects with British Airways, Hilton Hotels, Johnson & Johnson, Ryanair, Embassy Suites, Emirates Airlines, Gulfstream, Bombardier Aerospace, and U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Co-developed and currently teach a two-day National Transportation Safety Board course on examining human fatigue factors in an accident investigation
- Air New Zealand study quantified the sleep and performance benefits of vacation travel
- Use NASA data collection methods in studies of pilots, bus and truck drivers, travelers, air traffic controllers, healthcare providers, and business executives
- Created and provide "Z-Coach[®]": comprehensive, online program to enhance performance and safety "The official sleep coach program provider of the 2008/2010/2012 U.S. Olympic Team"

Every organization and individual seeking to enhance performance and safety will benefit from the practical and effective strategies provided by Alertness Solutions. Your organization can reduce fatigue-related risks and costs, increase your competitive advantage, and create proven value by applying Alertness Solutions' innovative expertise.



Enhance performance, safety, and health: decrease fatigue risks and costs

Every human is physiologically challenged by sleep loss and circadian disruption created by everyday demands. When we lose required sleep or disrupt our internal body (circadian) clock then our alertness, performance, safety, health, mood, and productivity can be significantly impaired. Unfortunately, we do not accurately assess our abilities, rating ourselves much better than our actual alertness and performance. Whatever your task, these impairments put you, and those around you, at risk and create significant performance and safety costs. What price are you paying for not obtaining optimal sleep, alertness, and performance?

Performance impairments: 20 – 50%

- judgment, reaction time, memory, attention, communication, mood
- impairments can be equivalent to alcohol use

Safety risks include:

- 23% higher risk of injury on night shift
- 2x greater risk of accident or error on rotating shifts
- accident risk increases 50% over four successive night shifts
- 37% of Americans report nodding off at wheel while driving
- 41% of law enforcement officers report falling asleep on night shift
- 49% of resident physicians report nodding off while driving
- up to 80% of pilots in NASA surveys report nodding off in the cockpit

Health risks include:

- 1/3 of adults annually report some sleep disturbance
- majority of sleep disorders undiagnosed and untreated
- 15% increased risk of obesity associated with disturbed sleep
- 32% increased risk of hypertension associated with disturbed sleep
- 124% increased risk of congestive heart failure associated with disturbed sleep
- 464% increased risk of anxiety or depression associated with disturbed sleep

Organizational costs include:

- increased errors, incidents, and accidents
- increased absenteeism, reduced quality-of-life
- reduced operational efficiency and productivity costs up to \$4,000/employee
- increased health care costs

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