

Predictive fatigue risk management for fleets

Scientifically-validated
technology to predict
and prevent fatigue-
related accidents



The high cost of workforce fatigue in transportation

Worker fatigue is recognized as one of the leading human factors causes of accidents in heavy industry, causing more damage than alcohol and drug use combined.

Safety incidents and accidents

The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that driver fatigue is responsible for 30-40% of trucking accidents. And drivers themselves put fatigue in the top ten causes of accidents, especially in long-haul operations.

30%
cause of accidents

Beyond trucking, a 2016 broad US industry study concluded that fatigue results in a 13% increased risk of death and the loss of 1.2 million workdays per year. Another study found that workers who slept less than 5 hrs. per day were 3.5x as likely to be injured than those sleeping 7+ hrs.

Lost productivity

It's estimated that up to 20% of the general population suffers from sleep disorders, such as sleep apnea. Organizations that invest in employee well-being programs typically find that absenteeism decreases by 40%, turnover by 25%, and accidents by about 50%.

20%
sleep disorders

Maintenance and asset costs

Driver behavior can contribute 35-45% to fleet total cost of ownership, and it's well known that poor driving habits drive up costs. When incidents do happen, the costs can be greater. A US Dept. of Transportation study of railroad operators found that the average cost of accidents caused by a fatigued worker was 5x greater than a non-fatigued worker.

5x
accident cost

Insurance and liability

Technology has made fatigue impairment measurable and detectable, and it's placed the onus on employers to either face increased liability and insurance costs, or control costs with effective fatigue management practices.

↑\$
legal settlements

Several precedent-setting legal settlements have occurred in the last few years, but perhaps none as prominent as the 2014 accident involving a famous US comedian and nine other people hit by a fatigued Walmart tractor trailer driver. The death of one person and claims of traumatic brain injury, have led to settlements reported to be in the tens of millions of dollars, and have pushed driver fatigue into the public spotlight.

Reputation

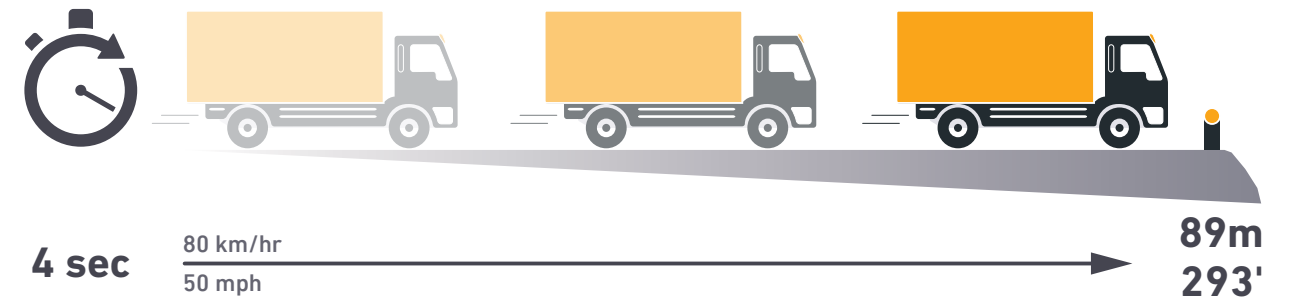
Large fleets operate under intense public scrutiny, and preventable accidents raise red flags with legislators, employees, investors and the larger community. Proactive leadership in fatigue-related safety is now more of a priority than ever.

Communication failures and on-site errors

Even when fatigue-related accidents don't occur, driver fatigue often poses significant challenges to smooth operation, including an uptick in errors for process-oriented tasks and collaboration efforts.

Microsleeps: accidents waiting to happen

Microsleeps are momentary lapses in consciousness due to fatigue. In the span of as little as three or four seconds, a fatigued driver experiencing a microsleep can travel close to 90m (293 feet) with their eyes closed, entirely unaware of what is happening. Microsleeps are particularly threatening because they can arise before a driver feels sleepy or shows any other outward signs of fatigue.



Australia continues to invest in truck driver fatigue research and legislation

In 2016, the Australian government announced more than US\$600K for research into truck driver fatigue – citing statistics that fatigue is a factor in 22% of heavy vehicle incidents.

Australia is the recognized leader in workplace fatigue risk management. Beginning in the late 1980s, it began introducing aggressive legislation covering scheduling, hours-of-service (HOS), and fatigue risk management programs. This in response to increasing rates of incidents on the nation's highways and a realization that fatigue was a major contributing factor.



Reactive vs. Predictive: A key difference in fatigue risk management approaches

REACTIVE

Reactive technologies detect fatigue once physical symptoms appear. While valuable as part of a broader toolkit, they don't address the root cause of fatigue, and used alone, leave less time for intervention.

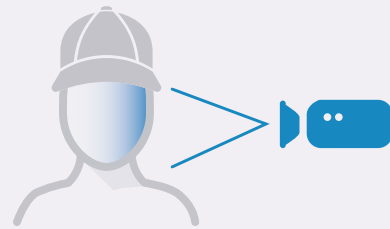
EEG monitoring

Headwear embedded sensors, which capture brain wave (EEG) data, can alert managers to on-duty drowsiness. As with all reactive systems, interventions are limited to reacting with little notice, instead of planning in advance.



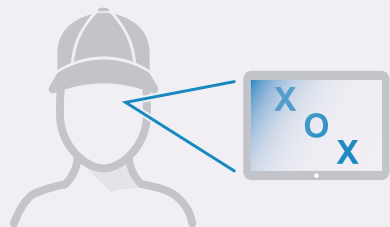
In-cab driver monitoring

In-cab devices detect fatigue from changes in facial, eye, and body movement. They can identify fatigue once physical symptoms appear, but often these signs only arise when the driver is already in grave danger.



PVT alertness testing

Psychomotor vigilance tests can give a fatigue snapshot at the time of testing, but they're unable to predict fatigue while a driver is in the middle of a shift — a more common scenario than fatigue at the day's beginning.



Telematics analysis

Telematics systems can detect erratic steering and braking, but external factors can make it hard to attribute these to fatigue. Moreover, by the time fatigue is detected, dangerous driving is already underway.



PREDICTIVE

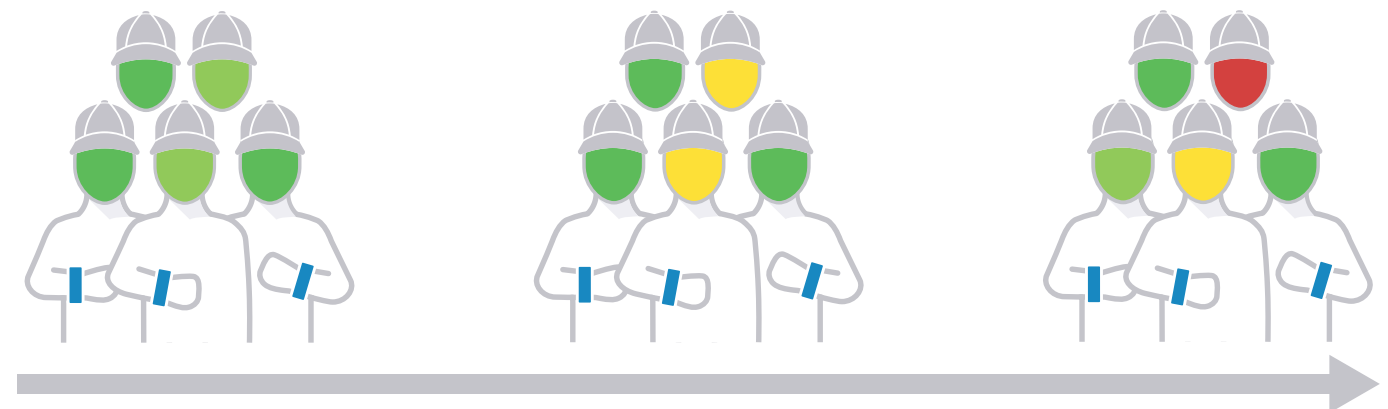
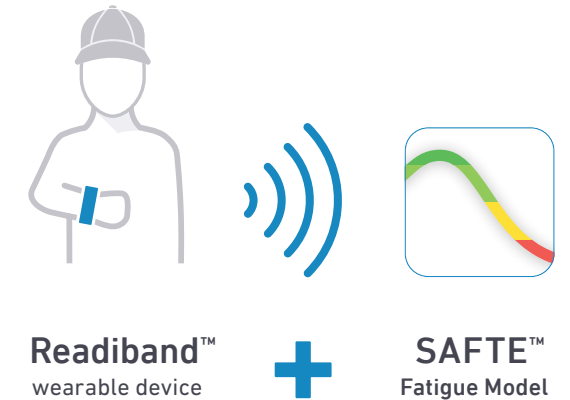
Predictive technology analyzes sleep and circadian rhythms to project if and when fatigue will occur, providing many hours of advance notice to plan for both critical interventions and root-cause treatments.

Validated algorithms applied to wearable-based sleep data

Predictive fatigue management begins by capturing high-resolution sleep data with a validated wrist-worn wearable device, offering accuracy far beyond what is available from consumer sleep trackers.

Then, it applies a validated biomathematical model to those sleep data to generate an accurate fatigue prediction for each driver's day ahead.

These predictions are made available in an easy-to-use manager's dashboard, providing a bird's eye view of all upcoming fatigue risks.



7:00 am
Start of shift
Most drivers appear non-fatigued

1:00 pm
Middle of shift
Some drivers will face fatigue onset

5:00 pm
Near end of shift
A few drivers will face critical fatigue

The SAFTE™ Fatigue Model



The SAFTE Fatigue Model (Sleep, Activity, Fatigue, and Task Effectiveness) is the world's leading biomathematical fatigue model — developed by the US Army Research Lab, with over 25 years and \$37 million in research.

It has been extensively validated by the US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and numerous other governmental and industry organizations.

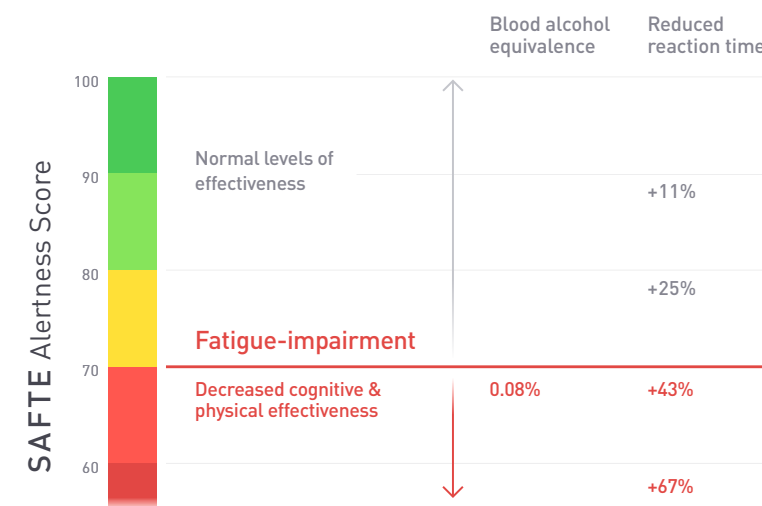
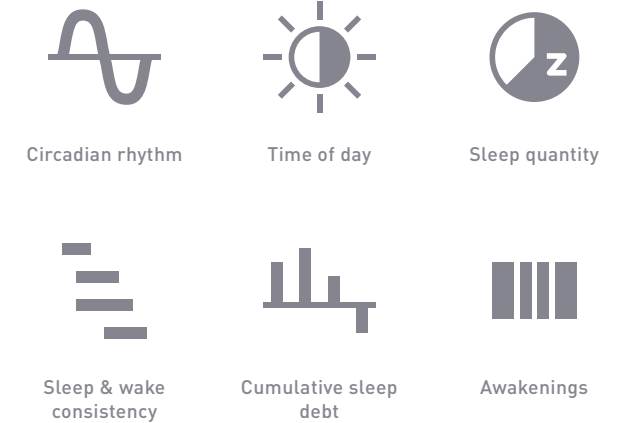
The SAFTE Fatigue Model analyzes detailed sleep data in order to predictively quantify fatigue levels, hour-by-hour, for the day ahead.

The SAFTE Fatigue Model is available exclusively from Fatigue Science and its distributors.



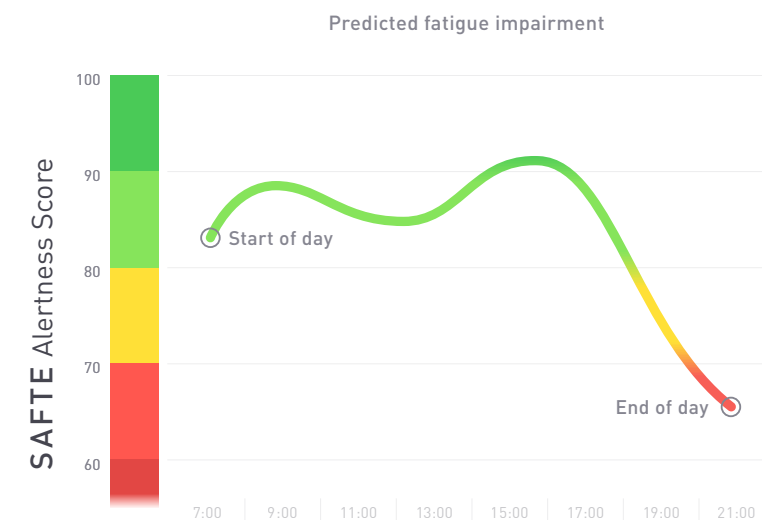
The SAFTE Fatigue Model applies scientific research to evaluate sleep and predict fatigue

The Model analyzes a complex array of sleep factors that collectively define a “good night’s sleep.” These factors go beyond a simple count of hours slept, and they even account for factors like seasonal light exposure—a major driver of circadian rhythm.



It quantifies fatigue and makes it easy to compare with other physiological impairments

The SAFTE Fatigue Model quantifies fatigue on an easy-to-visualize 0-100 scale—the SAFTE Alertness Score. It can reliably indicate the effects of fatigue as they compare to reaction time, lapse likelihood, and cognitive effectiveness. At a score of 70, fatigue has as similar impact as a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08.



It predicts how one's fatigue will evolve over the day ahead

When a worker's sleep is analyzed, the SAFTE Fatigue Model outputs a time-series of fatigue scores for their day ahead, based on the predicted progression of the worker's circadian rhythm. This projection makes it easy to pinpoint, at the start of the day, the moment if and when the worker will reach dangerous fatigue levels.

Sleep science validated in safety-critical environments around the world

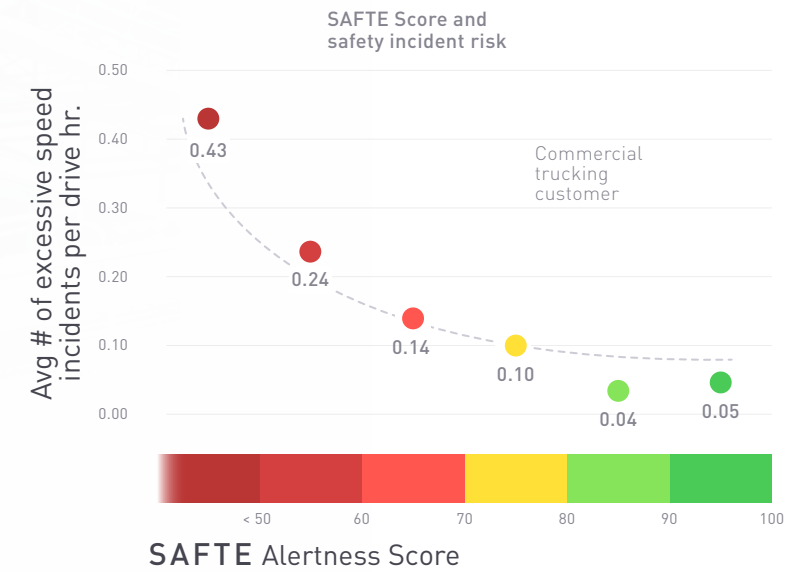


The SAFTE Fatigue Model has been studied by numerous agencies and research bodies, including the US Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

These studies reveal a close correlation between a worker's SAFTE Alertness Score and their risk of causing a costly safety incident.

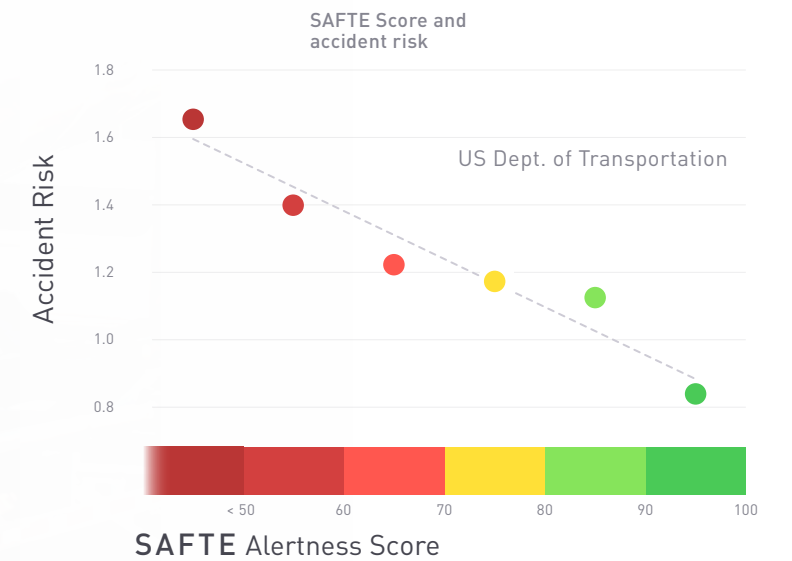
SAFTE Alertness Score and driver behavior

An analysis we performed on a commercial trucking customer's sleep and telematics data found that drivers with SAFTE Alertness Scores below 50 were 8.5 times more likely to exhibit instances of excessive speed, with similar findings for the incidence of harsh braking.



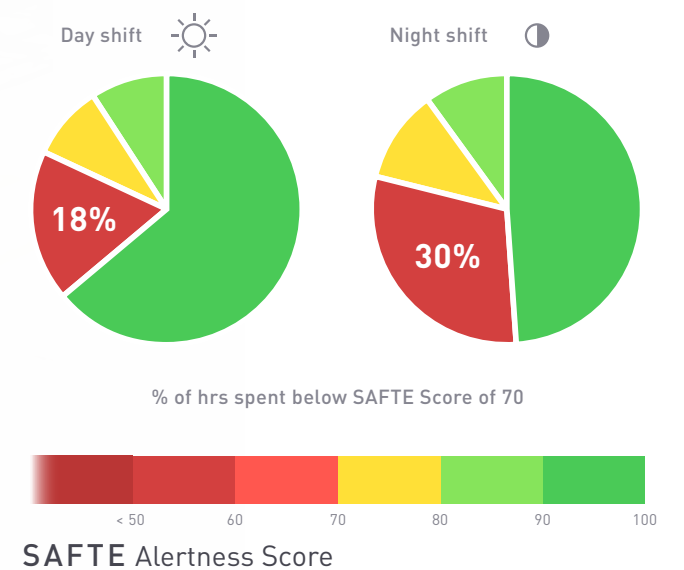
SAFTE Alertness Score and safety incident risk

An extensive study from the US Dept. of Transportation found that fatigue accident risk in real-world locomotive environments steadily increased as SAFTE Alertness Scores became more severe. The incident risk doubled at a Score of 50, as compared to a non-fatigued state.



Benchmarking your operation's overall fatigue exposure

Every organization wonders about their own level of fatigue risk exposure. An added benefit of quantifying fatigue for each and every shift hour is that you can finally obtain an objective benchmark of your workforce's fatigue exposure – and track improvements in this risk profile over time.



Using predictive fatigue management in large fleet operations



Bluetooth®



Water resistant



No location tracking

The Readiband™ wearable device

The wrist-worn Fatigue Science Readiband captures high-resolution sleep data with validated 92% accuracy, as compared with a clinical polysomnography sleep lab.

With the Readiband's 30-day battery life, it's easy to "wear it and forget it," and drivers' bands can sync automatically at the depot when they arrive for duty.

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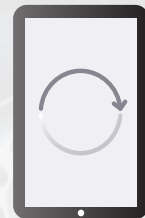
Readibands capture sleep data in high-resolution, with validated accuracy.



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SYNC

When drivers begin duty, their Readibands automatically sync via a secure iPad at the depot, or via their smartphones before driving.



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ANALYZE

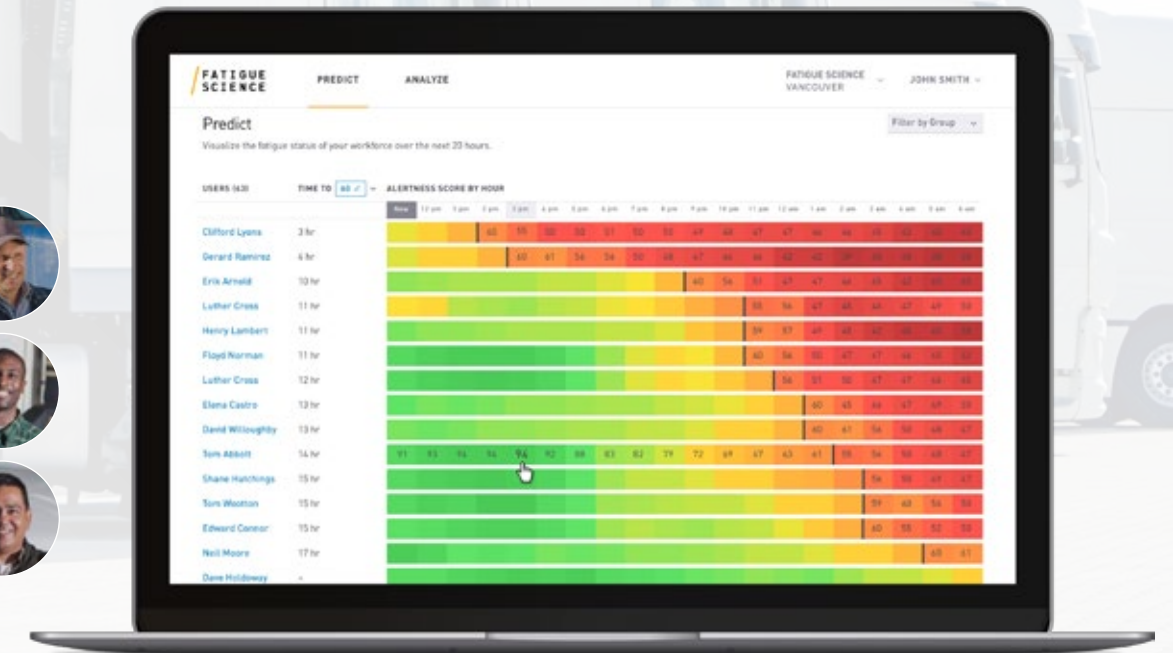
In a secure cloud environment, the SAFTE Fatigue Model analyzes drivers' data and produces individual fatigue predictions for the duty period ahead.



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PREDICT & MANAGE

The **Fatigue Science web app** gives fleet managers an easy, at-a-glance view of all current and upcoming fatigue risks in their on-duty workforce. With this comprehensive "bird's-eye view" of the day ahead, safety-critical interventions are now possible hours in advance.



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SHARE RESPONSIBILITY

With the **Readiband app**, drivers can play an important role in reducing their own fatigue risk.

By illustrating the relationship between a worker's sleep habits and their resulting safety on the job, our app helps drivers "connect the dots" to the concrete actions they can take to reduce their own fatigue.

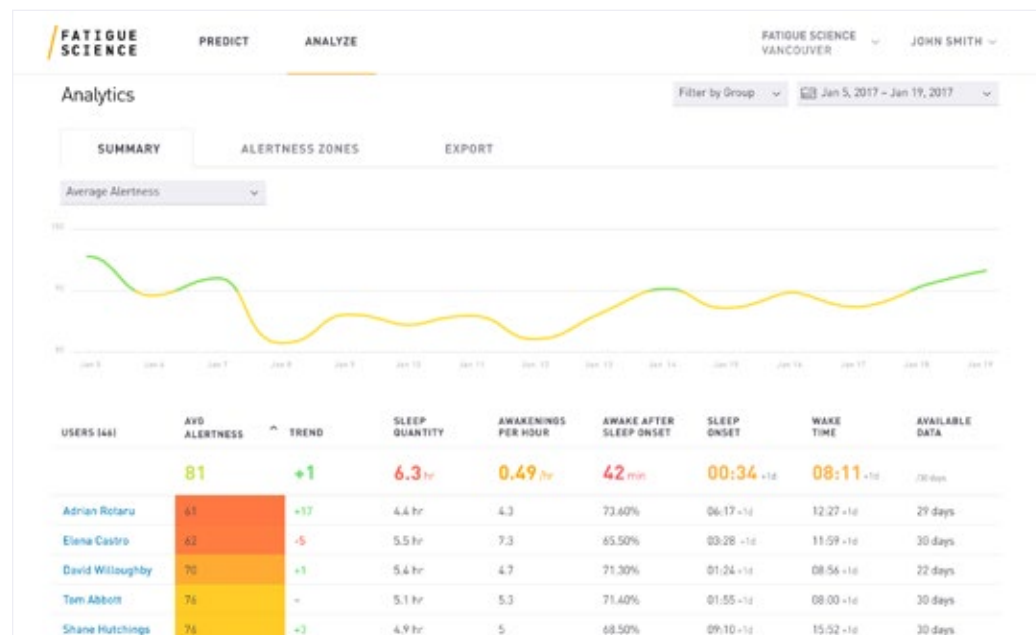


Help chronically fatigued workers reduce their fatigue at its source

A toolkit that empowers health staff to identify and help treat chronically fatigued workers

Predicting fatigue and intervening early is your best defense against the day's fatigue risks. But what if you could also reduce the presence of fatigue to begin with? Your drivers would be better rested, safer, healthier, and more productive – a win for everyone.

Using our comprehensive fatigue analytics platform — the same one used by recent winners of the Superbowl® and World Series® — authorized health staff can easily identify chronically fatigued workers and guide them with data-backed sleep advice, and even steer them toward treatment for possible sleep disorders.



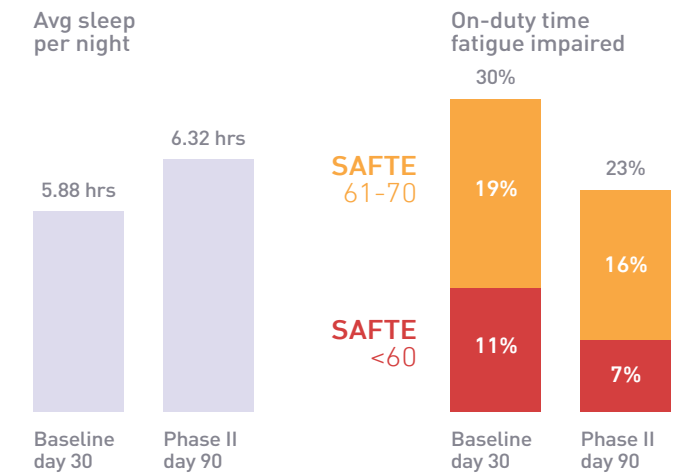
A step-by-step approach to a successful deployment

Implementing any new workforce technology can often appear to be a daunting task, especially when it involves workers spread across large geographic areas. But it doesn't have to be.

Pilot and fatigue assessment phase

At Fatigue Science we've implemented FRMS technologies and strategies for over 10 years. Through our experience, we've learned that the most constructive first step in implementing any risk reduction strategy is to establish a baseline risk profile of your existing operation.

We begin each deployment with a pilot project, wherein we deploy Readibands with a limited set of workers and closely analyze the data in this pilot period. With these data, we'll quantify the sources and extent of fatigue in your operation, constructing a baseline Fatigue Risk Profile unique to your operating environment.



Implementation

Next, we'll use our findings to align closely with your management goals, including change management guidance for introducing a policy of fatigue intervention into daily use. We'll also help introduce workers to the program, including teaching them about sleep hygiene and best practices for reducing their own fatigue.

Ongoing specialized support

Finally, you can count on us to provide expert-level support for your operation, including not only dedicated technical support and implementation guidance, but also analytical insights as we help you drive measurable improvements to your Fatigue Risk Profile.

The New York Times: Seattle Seahawks rely on Fatigue Science for performance edge

"I always thought that sleep was overrated, and I had to kind of be knocked in the head to understand," Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll told the Times. "Like so many things, once it gets on the radar screen, it makes sense and you ask, why didn't we pay attention before?"



Arrow Transportation Systems gains insight into possible driver sleep disorders

"We saw upwards of a 50% reduction in major incidents in our northern divisions (using the Readiband as), part of an overall Safety Management System and on-board technology solution."

Dan De Palma, General Manager Operations
Arrow Transportation Systems



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