

# Shiftwork: An Annotated Bibliography on Shiftwork Fatigue and Safety



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Shiftwork is a common work schedule that involves working during non-traditional hours, such as nights, weekends, and holidays. Shiftwork can disrupt the body's natural sleep-wake cycle, which can lead to fatigue, impaired alertness, and decreased performance. Shiftwork has also been linked to an increased risk of accidents, injuries, and health problems.

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## **Effects of Shiftwork on Sleep**

Shiftwork can disrupt the body's natural sleep-wake cycle, which can lead to a number of sleep problems, including:

- Difficulty falling asleep
- Difficulty staying asleep
- Waking up too early
- Non-restorative sleep

Shiftwork can also lead to a decrease in the amount of time spent in deep sleep, which is the most restorative stage of sleep.

## **Effects of Shiftwork on Alertness**

Shiftwork can also impair alertness, which can lead to decreased performance and an increased risk of accidents. Shiftworkers are more likely to experience:

- Drowsiness
- Fatigue
- Impaired attention

- Slowed reaction times

Shiftwork can also lead to a decrease in the body's production of cortisol, a hormone that helps to regulate alertness. This can make it even more difficult for shiftworkers to stay awake and alert.

### **Effects of Shiftwork on Performance**

Shiftwork can also impair performance, both in terms of cognitive and physical tasks. Shiftworkers are more likely to experience:

- Decreased accuracy
- Increased errors
- Slowed reaction times
- Decreased productivity

Shiftwork can also lead to a decrease in the body's production of testosterone, a hormone that helps to regulate muscle mass and strength. This can make it more difficult for shiftworkers to perform physical tasks.

### **Effects of Shiftwork on Health**

Shiftwork has also been linked to an increased risk of a number of health problems, including:

- Cardiovascular disease
- Stroke
- Diabetes
- Obesity

- Cancer

Shiftwork can also lead to a decrease in the body's production of melatonin, a hormone that helps to regulate sleep and protect against cancer. This can make shiftworkers more susceptible to these diseases.

### **Interventions to Reduce Shiftwork Fatigue and Improve Safety**

There are a number of interventions that can be used to reduce shiftwork fatigue and improve safety. These interventions include:

- Scheduling
- Light therapy
- Sleep aids
- Caffeine
- Napping

Scheduling interventions can help to reduce shiftwork fatigue by ensuring that shiftworkers get enough sleep. Light therapy can help to regulate the body's sleep-wake cycle and improve alertness. Sleep aids can help shiftworkers fall asleep and stay asleep. Caffeine can help to improve alertness. Napping can help to reduce fatigue and improve performance.

Shiftwork can have a significant impact on sleep, alertness, performance, and health. However, there are a number of interventions that can be used to reduce shiftwork fatigue and improve safety. By implementing these interventions, employers can help to protect the health and safety of their shiftworkers.



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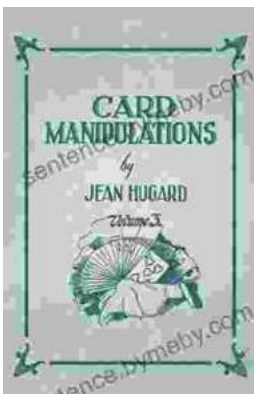
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