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Survivors of the Stockton Colliery Disaster

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**Science was
interesting**



**Travel
opportunities**



**A bit different
from
everything
else**



**Positive
impact to the
lives of
workers**

**Why did you become an
Occupational Hygienist?**

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Technical Challenge



Non-technical Challenge



Becoming an Occupational Hygienist?

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I love my job!

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Building

Relationships



Speaking up and

raising awareness



Increasing our

Virtual Profile and

Being Social

More than we are paid to do!

What is our role?

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The Future Leaders Institute, Graduating Class of 2014

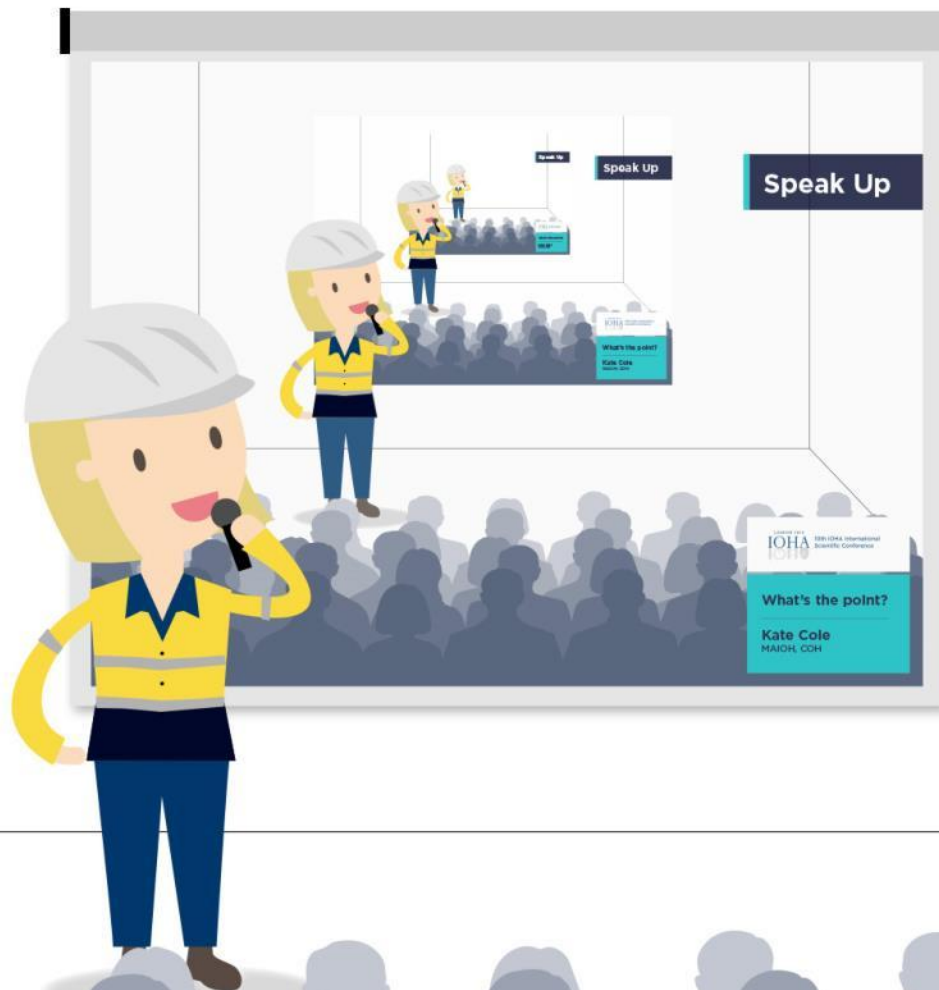


***People don't buy what you do,
they buy why you do it***

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Speak Up

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Check Your Hygiene: How do you take your gloves off without contaminating yourself?

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The use of chemical protective gloves is one of the most common mechanisms used to prevent skin contact with hazardous chemicals. When you provide gloves to the workforce for use, you also need to provide training in how to use them. This might sound a bit silly if you think how hard it is to put on a pair of gloves, but there are actually a lot of things that can go wrong when there is just a thin piece of material between you and a hazardous substance. Two common things that I see happen include failing to inspect them before putting them on and/or getting the hazardous substance on your skin whilst they are being taken off.

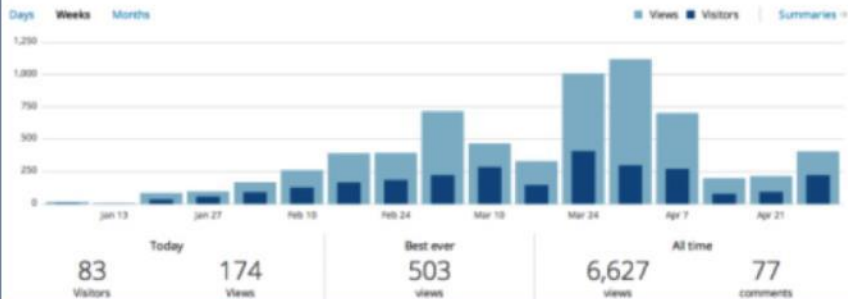
For example, take a look at the gloves in the photo below. One has the cuffs stuck together (granted you probably would have figured that one out without an inspection), one has faulty cuff moulding, and one has a puncture hole in it. These were fresh out of the manufacturers box, so it pays to inspect them before putting them on.



While I was at the Health and Safety Laboratory in the UK, I asked the expert [Martin Roff](#), for his advice on the correct way to take your gloves off. Martin was kind enough to share the video below, where he demonstrates the correct method versus a common method used to take gloves off (known as 'doffing'). He uses a fluorescent tracer under UV light so you can see how ineffective the common method is. I also couldn't resist putting a backing track on it...everything sounds cooler with rock music behind it! 🎸



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Overview

Did you know that there are simple practical steps you can take to control occupational noise and reduce the risk of noise-induced hearing loss?

Hearing loss through noise injury is painless, permanent, and progressive, but most importantly, it is preventable.

Join Kate Cole and Kristy Thornton from the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH) for some practical tips to help with the safety of your small business. They use examples from readily available guidance to help you identify the hazards, eliminate these where possible, or control the hazards to help manage the risk.

They will also explain when you can do this yourself, and when you might need to bring in the experts.

Who is this presentation for?

This presentation is aimed at small business owners; however anyone with an interest in how to manage occupational noise will find this useful.

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TO TALK TO YOU
ABOUT
SOMETHING

OCCUPATIONAL
HYGIENE IS A
VITAL
PROFESSION IN
THE
IDENTIFICATION
AND CONTROL OF
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HAZARDS



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- ✓ **Communicate**
- ✓ **Educate**
- ✓ **Advocate for workers**
- ✓ **Influence decision makers**
- ✓ **Create positive change**

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