Human Factors in Health and Safety
A professional development programme for the process industries
Human factors refer to environmental, organisational and job factors, and human and individual characteristics, which influence behaviour at work in a way which can affect health and safety.

UK Health and Safety Executive
Human Factors in Health and Safety

Introduction

There is an increasing emphasis on the importance of managing human factors to achieve improved safety and business performance in the chemical process industries. Major accidents, including those at Texas City and Buncefield, have highlighted the importance of addressing this aspect of performance. However, many of the safety and operational professionals charged with managing human factors have no formal qualifications or training in the human and behavioural sciences.

*Human Factors in Health and Safety* provides modular training designed to meet the needs identified in the process industries. Established in 2009 by the Keil Centre and IChemE, the programme intends to develop an understanding of the core human factors issues and outline how to manage them to achieve improved safety performance.

Key features

- content covering human factors in process safety, health and safety, with links to other aspects of business performance
- a modular course design, with short residential events, also providing networking opportunities with like-minded professionals
- advice to help implement human factors solutions
- training is delivered by recognised human factors professionals with significant process industry experience

Course content

Topics are organised to cover the UK Health and Safety Executive’s top human factors issues in major hazard sites, but these topics are just as applicable and relevant to non-UK regulatory frameworks.

The content has been developed in consultation with IChemE’s safety and loss prevention specialists.

Who should attend?

The programme is specifically designed for those who want a comprehensive overview of the subject matter, access to practical research-based tools and approaches, and discussion in small groups with acknowledged industry experts. This may include:

- HSE managers and advisors
- operations managers
- safety engineers
- chemical/process engineers
- in-house human factors advisors

Specific engineering disciplines (eg control and instrumentation, piping, electrical, mechanical) may be interested in module 4 (*Human Factors in Design*).

Learning outcomes

- understand what human factors is and how it affects human performance, health and safety
- understand how human factors needs to be managed within an organisation, including the scope and involvement of different parties
- develop knowledge about specific topic areas related to major accidents and how to reduce the related risks
- understand and gain practical use of common tools and techniques used within human factors
- understand how to apply certain human factors tools
- UK participants – act as the COMAH operator’s intelligent customer for human factors*

* The COMAH delivery guide has a specific clause relating to technical competence in human factors, suggesting that COMAH operators should demonstrate proportionate access to HF expertise.

This can be supplied as external competent support (such as from a Chartered Human Factors Specialist accredited by the Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors). However, it is emphasised that the COMAH operator must maintain an effective intelligent customer capability and secure local ownership of key HF standards and their implementation, developing and maintaining a suitable level of in-house HF expertise.

*Human Factors in Health and Safety* aims to develop a broad understanding of human factors in support of the in-house human factors advisor who acts as the COMAH operator’s intelligent customer.

CIEHF Technical Member Grade

Completion of all four modules enables delegates to develop at least an awareness of more than 50% of the competency areas specified by the Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors (CIEHF). This is one of the key eligibility criteria required for successful achievement of the Technical Member grade of CIEHF. Additional ‘at work’ application of the theories and tools being taught on the course will be required, as will the need for delegates to be applying human factors for a significant part of their work. *Human Factors in Health and Safety* therefore provides a sufficient foundation through which the Technical Member grade of CIEHF can be achieved.
About the programme

*Human Factors in Health and Safety* consists of four intensive two-day modules, which together with pre-reading, provides a broad human factors educational programme.

Programme schedule

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All modules will be held in Edinburgh, UK

You can join the programme at any point – modules can be completed in any order as part of a one-year programme.

You can sign up to complete the whole programme or just attend single modules to develop understanding of a particular area of human factors.

The modules

**Module One – Managing Human Factors**

Provides an introduction to the key human factors concepts within risk management, and examines how to manage organisational change, safety culture and behaviours, and safety critical communications.

**Module Two – Managing Human Failure**

Explores how to pro-actively manage human errors and non-compliances, analyse human failures contributing to incidents and manage performance under pressure.

**Module Three – Strengthening Organisational Performance**

Provides key pointers for strengthening organisational safety through effective management of training and competence, staffing and workload, supervision and safety leadership, and fatigue-related risk.

**Module Four – Human Factors in Design**

Examines the key human factors issues to address at the design stage, looking at how to integrate human factors within engineering programmes, how to develop effective procedures, human machine interfaces, and process plant and control rooms.

Their structure

Each two-day module will be strictly limited to 50 delegates and cover four key human factors topics. The total group will be split into two sub-groups, with each sub-group further split into syndicates of six.

Each module will have the same basic structure:

- all sessions delivered by a recognised human factors professional, with significant process industry experience
- a mix of theory, case study, discussion and practical exercises in small syndicates
- identification of key success factors in implementation

Delegates are encouraged to keep a learning log throughout the programme.

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Course prize

Delegates who complete all four modules are eligible to enter for a course prize for best application of human factors knowledge. Previous winners of this award include:

Ron Rawmshaw, Head of HSSE, Interconnector, UK (2017)

“Human Factors in Health and Safety is ideal for anyone who wishes to become an intelligent customer in the subject. All the presentations are delivered by experienced human factors professionals providing a detailed overview of the core human factor issues and advice on how to implement solutions. The course also provided a good opportunity to network and test assumptions with other professionals faced with similar issues. For anyone with responsibilities for major hazard sites the course provides an excellent learning opportunity and is an important addition to the health and safety toolbox.”


“As an engineer and member of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), the Human Factors in Health and Safety course took my understanding of human factors to a new level. It is geared towards providing practical support to delivering a human factors improvement agenda and has given me the confidence to lead the human factors agenda at a top tier COMAH site. I found it particularly refreshing to engage with the course tutors who are all psychologists. They bring a different perspective on the topic – more focused on how people think instead of being driven by numbers and metrics as us engineers tend to be. I would highly recommend this course for anyone who is planning to be involved in the human factors agenda at their site/operation.”

Thomas Willer, Occupational Safety and Health Manager, Evonik Corporation, USA (2019)

“Evonik believes that a deeper understanding of human factors is key to the future of the chemical industry because humans are the common denominator in everything we do. Human factors is so much more than “operator error”. Human ideas and innovation create products for our customers. Humans design, operate, and maintain our production facilities delivering these products safely and sustainably. Humans utilise these products to improve quality of life. This course has opened my eyes to the untapped potential to be more proactive incorporating human factors not just in our production facilities but at every level and every part of our global organisation.”
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■ what is ‘human factors’?  
■ why is it important for health and safety?  
■ managing and measuring the company’s performance in relation to human factors |
| | Janette Edmonds, Keil Centre |
| | Managing safety critical communications |
| ■ what is effective communication?  
■ a model of communication failures  
■ approaches to making communication robust  
■ how to assess shift handover communications arrangements  
■ assessment and improvement  
■ control of work case study |
| | Richard Scaife, Keil Centre |
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| Reducing human error | ■ what makes error more likely?  
■ how can we make people safer?  
■ identifying safety critical tasks  
■ analysing tasks  
■ conducting human reliability analysis |
| | Janette Edmonds, Keil Centre |
| | Managing non-compliance |
| ■ the significance of non-compliant behaviour in incident causation  
■ different types of non-compliance  
■ factors that provoke non-compliance  
■ ABC analysis – a tool to understand decision making in the context of non-compliant behaviour  
■ what can be done to reduce the likelihood of non-compliance |
| | Charles Shoesmith, Psychologica |
| **Evening** | Course dinner and networking |
| **Day Two** | Human factors in incident investigation |
| | ■ human factors in the investigator  
■ common human failings in investigators  
■ interviewing skills – best practice  
■ human factors in the investigation  
■ key steps  
■ recent best practice guidance  
■ case study |
| | James Bunn, Keil Centre |
| | Managing performance under pressure |
| ■ understanding stress and its consequences  
■ causes of stress: chronic and acute  
■ managing pressure at work  
■ improving resilience |
| | Ken Gray, Keil Centre |

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### Practical information

#### About the organisers

The **Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)** is the global professional membership organisation for people with relevant experience or an interest in chemical engineering. Founded in 1922 as a professional institution for chemical and process engineers, IChemE has grown to its current status of over 37,000 members in 100 countries. We are committed to supporting the professional development of chemical and process engineers worldwide and are a market leader in process safety training.

For more details visit [www.icheme.org](http://www.icheme.org)

The **Keil Centre**, established in 1983, is a private consultancy practice of chartered psychologists and chartered ergonomics and human factors specialists based in Edinburgh, UK and Perth, Australia. The Keil Centre has long-standing links with the process industries through its international commercial consulting activities and involvement in IChemE safety conferences, seminars and symposia, and the European Process Safety Centre.

For more details visit [www.keilcentre.co.uk](http://www.keilcentre.co.uk)

#### Venue

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#### Fees

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<td><strong>Single module</strong></td>
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These fees include attendance at all sessions, all conference documentation, lunch and interval refreshments and group dinner.

All four modules must be booked at the same time to qualify for the discounted rate.

#### How to book

Register online at [www.icheme.org/human-factors](http://www.icheme.org/human-factors)

#### More details

Visit: [www.icheme.org/human-factors](http://www.icheme.org/human-factors)
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#### Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the delegate fee. Please contact the hotel directly to make a reservation, quoting IChemE.

**CPD** 12.5hrs per module
**CPD** 50hrs for total programme

Maximum duration for CPD recording

#### In-company training

If you have several colleagues interested in this course, why not consider running it in-house?

For a quote or to discuss your requirements contact courses@icheme.org

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Workshop leaders

Chiara Amati is a Chartered Occupational Psychologist who specialises in management and leadership assessment and development. Chiara has been associated with The Keil Centre for 19 years and has experience of supporting clients in various industries, including high hazard, in relation to the assessment and development of safety culture and safety leadership. She has considerable experience of delivering training that generates insight and brings behavioural change. Chiara is a registered Occupational Psychologist with the HCPC and an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society.

James Bunn is a Principal Consultant Ergonomist with the Keil Centre. Qualified to masters’ degree level in Ergonomics, he is a highly experienced human factors specialist and a member of the Institute of Industrial Accident Investigators. He has a broad experience base, having worked for the UK health & safety regulator and the energy sector in Norway. James was the human factors specialist member of the multi-disciplinary team that investigated the terror attack on the In Amenas Tigantourine gas facility site in Algeria. This was a major incident which received international media coverage and resulted in a public inquest in the UK. He is an experienced human reliability analyst, and covers several areas of human factors.

Ed Corbett is a Chartered Occupational Psychologist at the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE). He heads up HSE’s commercial human factors and psychology teams. Working for the national regulator, Ed has a detailed understanding of regulatory requirements and how duty holders can demonstrate compliance. Based at its Buxton laboratory, Ed contributes significantly to HSE’s cutting edge research in human factor and safety science. Prior to his time at HSE, Ed worked as a consultant and coach across a broad range of industries, specialising in helping organisations develop leadership capability. Today he combines his regulatory understanding, scientific knowledge and real world experience to help organisations achieve sustainable health and safety improvement.

Ed provides technical human factors support to HSE inspectors on various topics, including competence assurance. He has developed competency systems for organisations operating in major hazard sectors, as well as contributing towards industry guidance. Ed has experience working in various aspects of human reliability, from conducting safety critical task analyses, through to providing input to engineers on equipment/plant design, and development of operational and emergency procedures.

Janette Edmonds is the course director of the Human Factors in Health and Safety programme in the UK and Europe. Janette is a director of The Keil Centre, a Chartered Ergonomics and Human Factors Specialist, a Fellow of the Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors and a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. She has a BSc in Psychology, an MSc in Ergonomics, and 27 years of practitioner experience within various industries. In particular, her experience includes chemical processing, oil and gas, rail, emergency services, defence, telecoms, but also medical and consumer product design. Janette has experience in most aspects of human factors practice, but her main areas of specialism include human factors in engineering design, development of procedures, human factors in incident investigation and human reliability analysis.

Janette was the lead author and editor for the Elsevier book on ‘Human Factors in the Chemical and Process Industries: Making it Work in Practice’.

Ken Gray is a Chartered Psychologist and a director of The Keil Centre, leading their clinical, assessment and development services. He applies powerful psychometrics, facilitation and coaching techniques that inform both personal development choices, and help to strengthen and sustain productive team working relations. He also works with client organisations to develop behaviour standards, competencies, robust selection, development and performance review systems. As well as being responsible for The Keil Centre’s StressTools® stress risk assessment survey, Ken oversees the company’s suite of ‘managing psychological wellbeing’ and personal resilience offerings. In 2010 Ken was shortlisted for the British Psychological Society Practitioner of the Year Award. He is a registered Occupational Psychologist with the HCPC and an Associate Fellow of The British Psychological Society.

Janette was the lead author and editor for the Elsevier book on ‘Human Factors in the Chemical and Process Industries: Making it Work in Practice’.

Ian Hamilton is a partner at ERM and is responsible for the human factors global practice. He began his career in human factors in the defence sector in 1984 and then moved to air traffic management. Ian has been practising for 36 years and for the past 28 years he has worked in consultancy. He has expanded his areas of interest to include most aspects of human factors practice, although he maintains a particular interest in workload modelling, human performance prediction, and human factors integration. Previously, Ian was a founding partner in Human Engineering where he led the growth of the professional team, managing work in the defence, air, rail, utilities and oil and gas sectors. Most recently his work has focused on the management of major accident risk and process safety culture. He has a BSc in Psychology, an MSc in Ergonomics, is a Chartered Psychologist and a Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Ergonomics & Human Factors.
Dr Paul Jackson trained as a psychologist, obtaining his PhD from Imperial College, London. For the last 21 years his work has focused on human performance impairment, and in 2005 he set up Clockwork Research, the London-based consultancy that works with safety-critical organisations to manage the risks associated with fatigue. Paul and his team designed fatigue management training programmes for a range of clients including BP, Shell and Newmont Mining, and recently completed development of BP’s online fatigue training programme which is now being rolled out around the world. Previously, Paul was a research manager at the Department for Transport (DfT) where he was responsible for impairment research, looking at the effects of illicit drugs, medications, alcohol and fatigue on driving. In addition to his work on fatigue, he has worked closely with the DfT in the development of new legislation on drug driving. Paul now works in transport research at TRL.

Richard Scaife is a director of The Keil Centre and a Chartered Occupational Psychologist. He is also a Chartered Ergonomics and Human Factors Specialist, a Fellow of the Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors and a Chartered Scientist. He has a BSc in Applied Psychology, an MSc in Occupational Psychology, and over 30 years’ of practical ergonomics experience within various industries. Richard spent six years working for National Air Traffic Services, latterly as the head of human safety in their human factors unit. He also spent four years working on the design of military sensor systems, primarily for aircraft, before joining the Keil Centre. Richard specialises in all aspects of human factors, particularly organisational safety, human safety analysis (including human error) and incident investigation. He has cross-industry experience, providing consultancy expertise and training. Richard was awarded the British Psychological Society Practitioner of the Year Award in 2006.

Charles Shoesmith is a Chartered Psychologist who has more than 35 years’ international experience consulting in the area of individual and organisational behaviour, cultural development and learning, often with an emphasis on health and safety. He has particular expertise in the design and development of innovative and effective solutions to complex organisational and people performance issues. He is an extremely effective presenter and trainer, applying his background in learning and educational theory to tailor courses to meet specific needs.
Over 125 companies have enrolled delegates on the Human Factors in Health and Safety programme since it began in 2009, including:

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BASF
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BP
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Chemoxy International
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EDF Energy
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Exxon Mobil
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Colorants
Glaxo Smithkline
Health & Safety Executive
Huntsman
Imerys
Interconnector UK
Invista
Jacobs
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KCA Deutag
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LyondellBasell
Maersk Oil & Gas
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Oil and Pipelines Agency
OMV
Perenco
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Premier Oil
Procter & Gamble
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