An Exploration of Safety Culture

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Why explore safety culture?

- Emerging as a “topic” in many industries & organizations
- Range of views
- Need for greater understanding through discussion/debate
Safety Culture

- The shared values, beliefs and assumptions of the whole organization, which are related to safety or which have an impact on safety behaviour.
"If nobody asks me, I know; but if I am desirous to explain it to one that should ask me, plainly I know not" (Saint Augustine, 354-430)

“Few things are so sought after and yet so little understood” (James Reason, 1997)
So …

• Does “safety culture” really exist?
• What are the components of it?
• Can it be shaped?
• Can it be measured?
• Is it important enough for organizations to invest time and money addressing?
Panellists

- Captain Dan Maurino
- Mr. Charles Packer
- Dr. Nancy Durban
- Mr. Maury Hill
Let the debate begin!!