



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.**

But ...

"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!!