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# What is Ergonomics?



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# Ergonomics

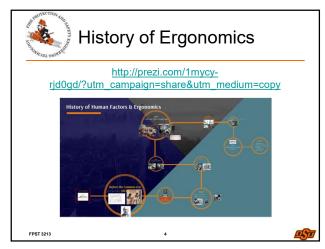
- Derived from two Greek words:
  - Ergon = Greek for "work"
  - Nomos = Greek for "laws of"
- Term 1st used in 1857 by Wojciech Jastrzebowski
  - "An Outline of Ergonomics, or the Science of Work"

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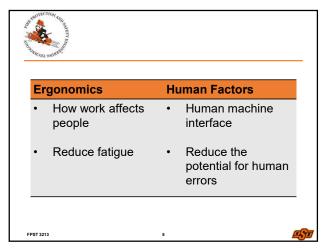
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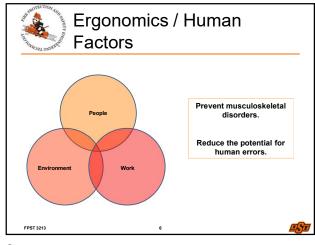
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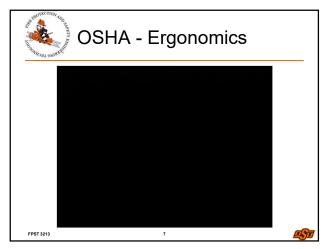
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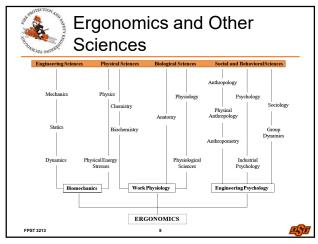
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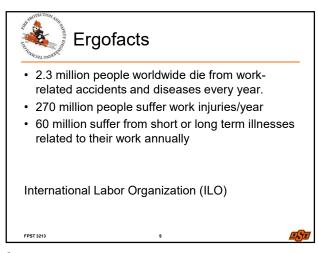
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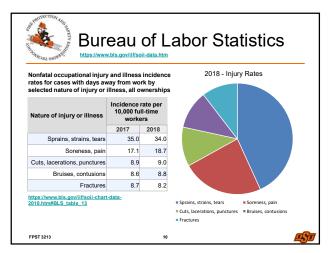
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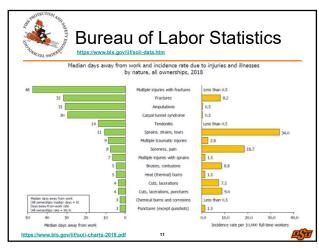
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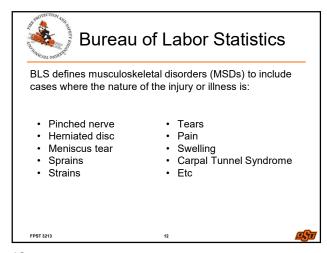
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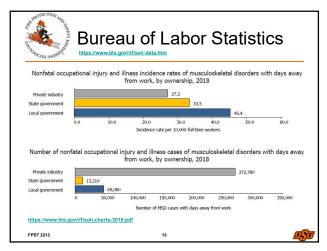
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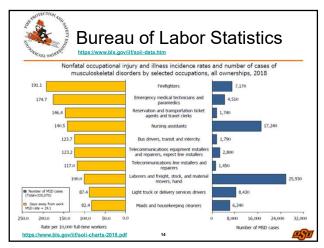
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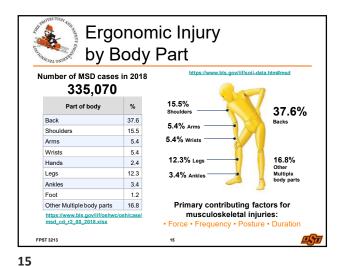
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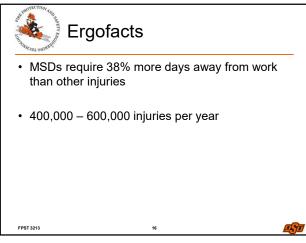


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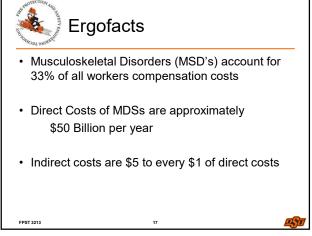


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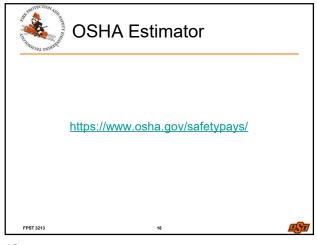




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# MSD's - musculoskeletal disorder

- It is an injury or disorder to the human body's musculoskeletal (or "movement") system
  - Think of an MSD as a "movement system disorder"
- Micro-trauma to the soft tissues begins to outrun the body's recovery system developing into an MSD
- There is no singular cause of MSDs.

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#### MSD's

- Affect:
  - Muscles
  - Joints
  - Tendons
  - Ligaments
  - Nerves
- · Can be chronic or acute



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#### **Risk Factors**

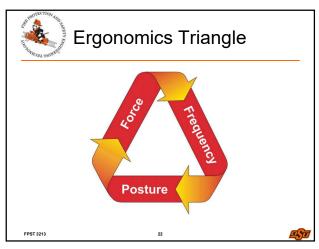
- Frequency
- Awkward posture
- Forceful exertion
- Static posture
- Mechanical contact
- Stress
- Temperature
- · Vibration
- · Duration



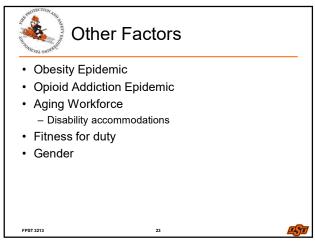
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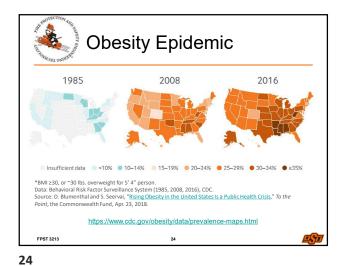
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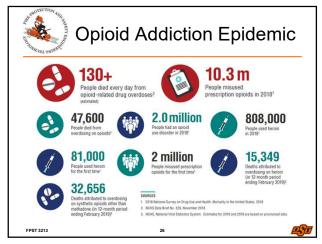
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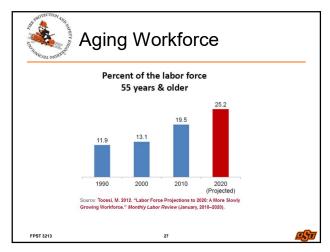


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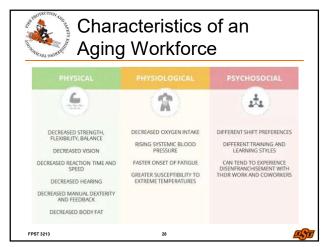




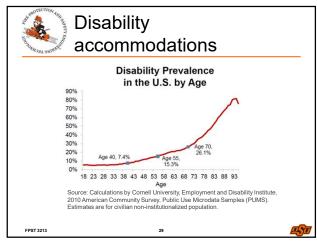




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#### **Ergonomically Designed** or Not

- To determine if equipment, tool, or device is ergonomically designed, we need to ask 3 questions:
  - 1. WHO (user) was it designed for?
  - 2. WHAT task was it designed for?
  - 3. WHAT environment will it be used in?

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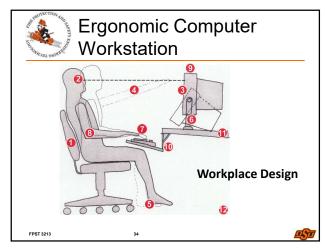
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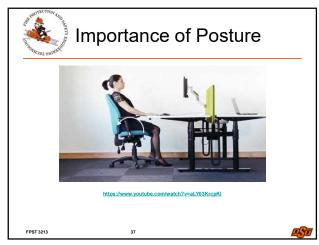
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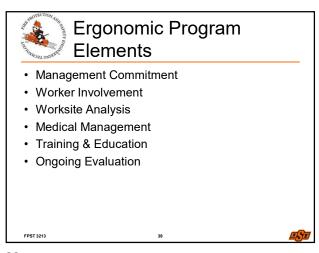
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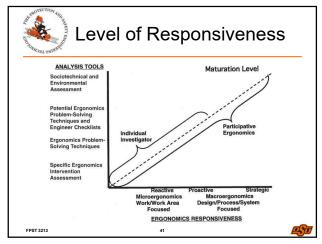


# Proactive vs. Reactive Ergonomics

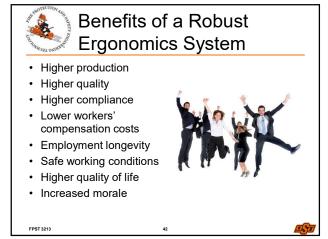
- · Proactive Ergonomics
  - Making changes BEFORE injuries occur
- · Reactive Ergonomics
  - Making changes AFTER injuries occur
- · It's easier to build it in than to bolt it on

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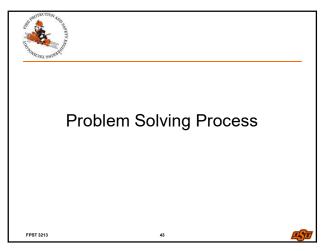
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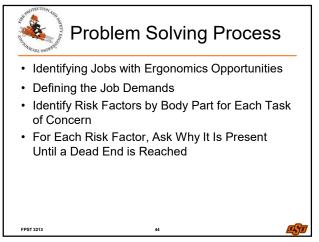
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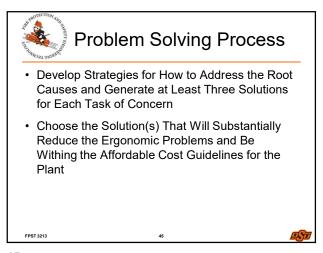
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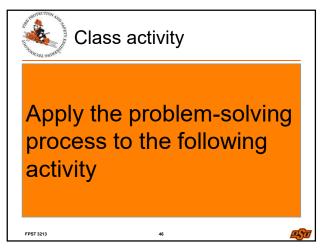
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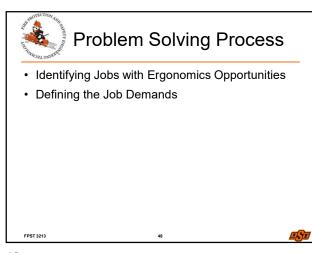
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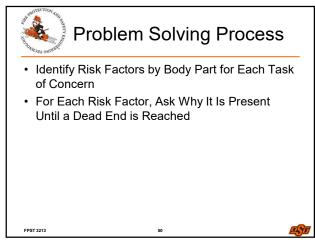
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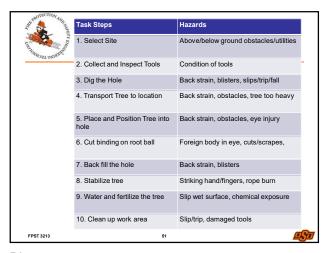
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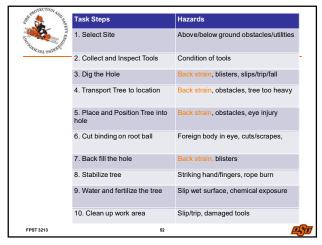
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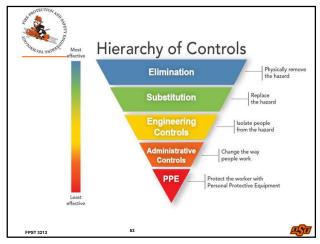
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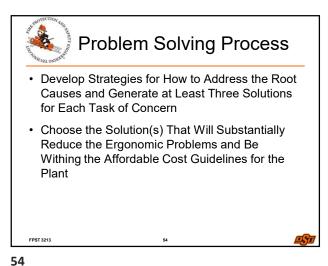
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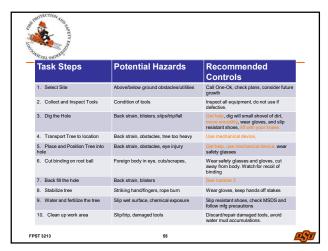
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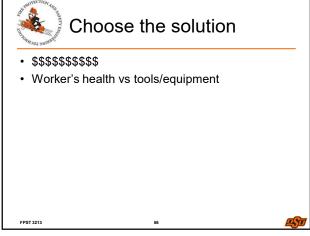
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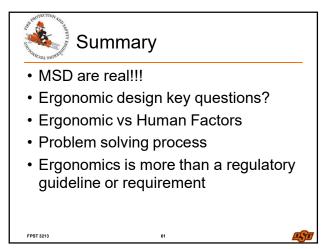
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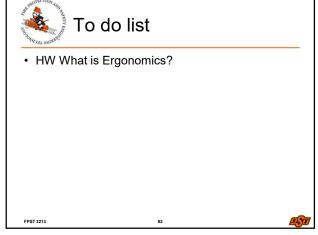
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