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## The Defuser (Defusing the tell-tale signs of stress)

The most expensive cost to any businesses is staff, so it makes sense to keep your staff sickness to a minimum. How often is the term 'STRESS' used in relation to staff sickness? Many incidents of employees suffering from stress are usually triggered by a build-up of many things or one off incidents that cause a normal person to have a normal reaction to an abnormal event.

This course will provide the delegate with skills to be able to defuse a person in a controlled manner and also identify the need for more formal practices such as qualified counselling. This process is called 'Defusing' and can be used in a 1-to-1. or group situation.

It can be used where staff are concerned, upset, angry or stressed.

To have a trained 'Defuser' within your work force will not only provide support for your staff but also contribute to the saving of money to your business.

## **The Course Contents**

Group discussion
Group exercise on recognising stress
Trigger Incidents
Identifying good practices
What is Post Traumatic Stress?
Recognising Post Traumatic Stress
Appropriate behaviour and speech when defusing
Disclosure issues
Questioning skills
Active listening skills
Communication skills
Individual practical work
Group practical work

## 'Stress costs business £79bn a year'

Stress in the work place is spiralling, costing British industry £79 billion and more than 40 million working days a year, according to a recent new study.

Despite the worrying figures, companies are not doing enough to combat stress-related illness according to occupational health workers employed by UK firms.

Absenteeism resulting from stress is increasing in 83% of firms, the health workers said.

Stress can affect concentration, decision making and working relationships. It is reported that it is responsible for 60% of road accidents involving company vehicles and 75-85% of industrial accidents.

The health workers said directors and senior managers were escaping the problem, while middle management and workers were bearing the brunt.