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Nanomaterials possess various new properties and their industrial use creates new opportunities, but they also present new risks and uncertainties.

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The physical work environment and work-related stress: mechanisms and consequences.

Juliet Hassard, and Tom Cox , Birkbeck College, University of London, United Kingdom.

The article will discuss the interface

between the physical and psychosocial work environment, and the role of stress there within, in relation to worker's wellbeing and performance. Two particular bodies of research will be examined, noise and windows in the workplace. It is important to note, that a concentrated focus is paid to research examining the impact of noise and windows on worker's health and performance in non-industrial settings, in particular office settings. This article argues that the concept of stress may provide a useful heuristic for exploring and, moreover, understanding the respective impact of characteristics of the physical work environment on worker's well-being and behaviour. Conclusive comments and practical considerations are provided.

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