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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE UK OFFICE

Working comfortably is top of mind for British employees, as independent research commissioned by Fellowes and executed by Dynamic Markets finds. The figures in this infographic describe the attitudes and opinions

of employees in Great Britain towards their working environment and, in particular, their own personal desk space and workstation. The study looked at 1003 office workers in Great Britain between July and August 2010.

PRODUCTIVITY

Employers and employees alike underestimate the time and money wasted by an uncomfortable workspace.

This is despite the fact that **96%** of employees think a comfortable, pleasant work environment has a direct impact on their productivity at work.



61%

say a well-organised desk is important to them; **65%** value the cleanliness of their environment



18.1 Lost days

per year, per employee

39.2 mins a day

is the average amount of time wasted by fidgeting



66%

daily spend time rearranging their desk and fidgeting to get comfortable

43%

of British workers do not have any ergonomic aids to make them more comfortable and productive in the workplace



78%

of British companies are in breach of this EC Directive

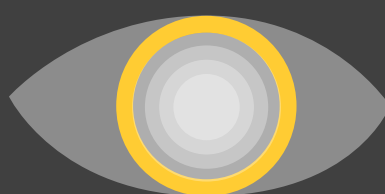
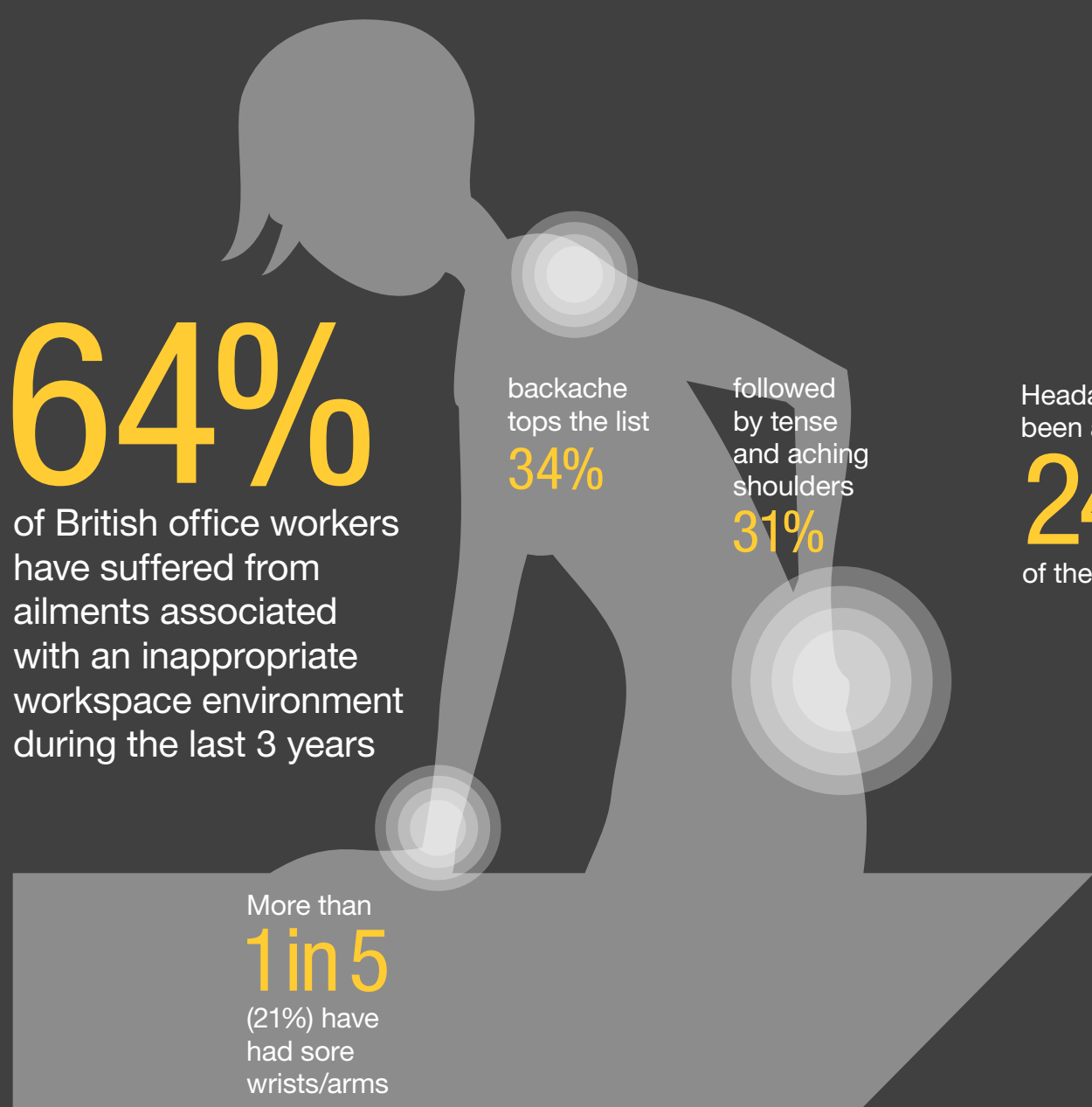


65%

of directors are unaware of the legal requirement to carry out workstation assessments

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HEALTH & WELLBEING



18%

have had eye problems as a result of an inappropriate workspace

Headaches have been a problem for

24%

of the sample



25%

have suffered from neck aches

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MOBILE WORKFORCE

81%

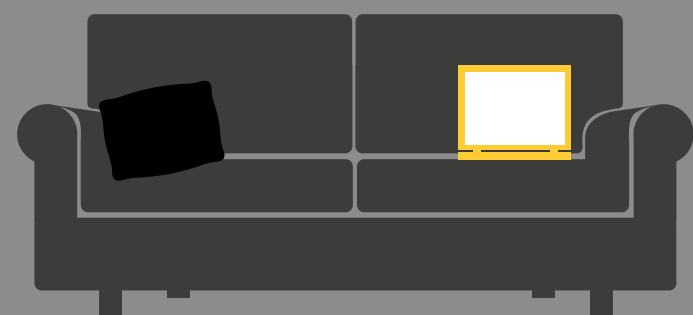
of workers now spend time working with laptops in non-office locations, including sofas, beds, on the floor and in the car, increasing the chances of injury



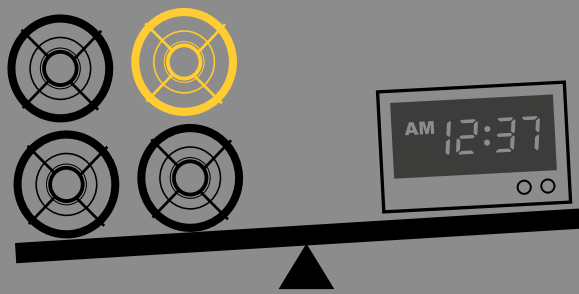
Cafes & hotels (16%) and trains, planes & buses (15%) are all well-used alternative work environments



13% settle down and work at the airport or train station. 9% just sit on the floor and work, while 6% will use their laptop in the car



More British people work from their sofas when out of the office than in any other country in Europe (**20-35%**)



However, this is followed by the kitchen table (**23%**) and in bed (**22%**)

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For more information and to put your workstation to the test, go to <http://www.ergo.fellowes.com/en/workstation-assessment>