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Here is a quote from a major railroad's employee health requirements:

"...(railroad) considers health conditions with a risk for sudden incapacitation greater than a 1% per year occurrence rate to pose an unacceptable risk for safety critical work, requiring work restrictions."

This railroad apparently takes such extreme care for safety that it will not allow an employee to remain working if there is a minuscule chance that they may become suddenly incapacitated. Ignoring the fact that determining such is purely a guess and not an absolute measurement, one has to wonder why a railroad that would profess to this level of concern for safety in the cab of a locomotive - would they even think that it would be in any way safe to have only one person operating a train though long hours in isolation?