

# **Safety in the Workplace**

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# What's Safety?

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The condition of being protected against physical, social, spiritual, financial, political, emotional, occupational, psychological, educational or other types or consequences of failure, damage, error, accidents, harm or any other event which could be considered non-desirable



# What's Safety?

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- The control of recognized hazards to achieve an acceptable level of risk
  - Being protected from the event or from exposure to something that causes health or economical losses.
    - People, or
    - Possessions



# Normative Safety

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Achieved when a product or design meets applicable standards and practices for design and construction or manufacture, regardless of the product's actual safety history



# Substantive Safety (Objective)

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Real-World safety history is favorable,  
whether or not standards are met



# Perceived Safety (Subjective)

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Users' level of comfort and perception of risk, without consideration of standards or safety history



# Security (Social Safety)

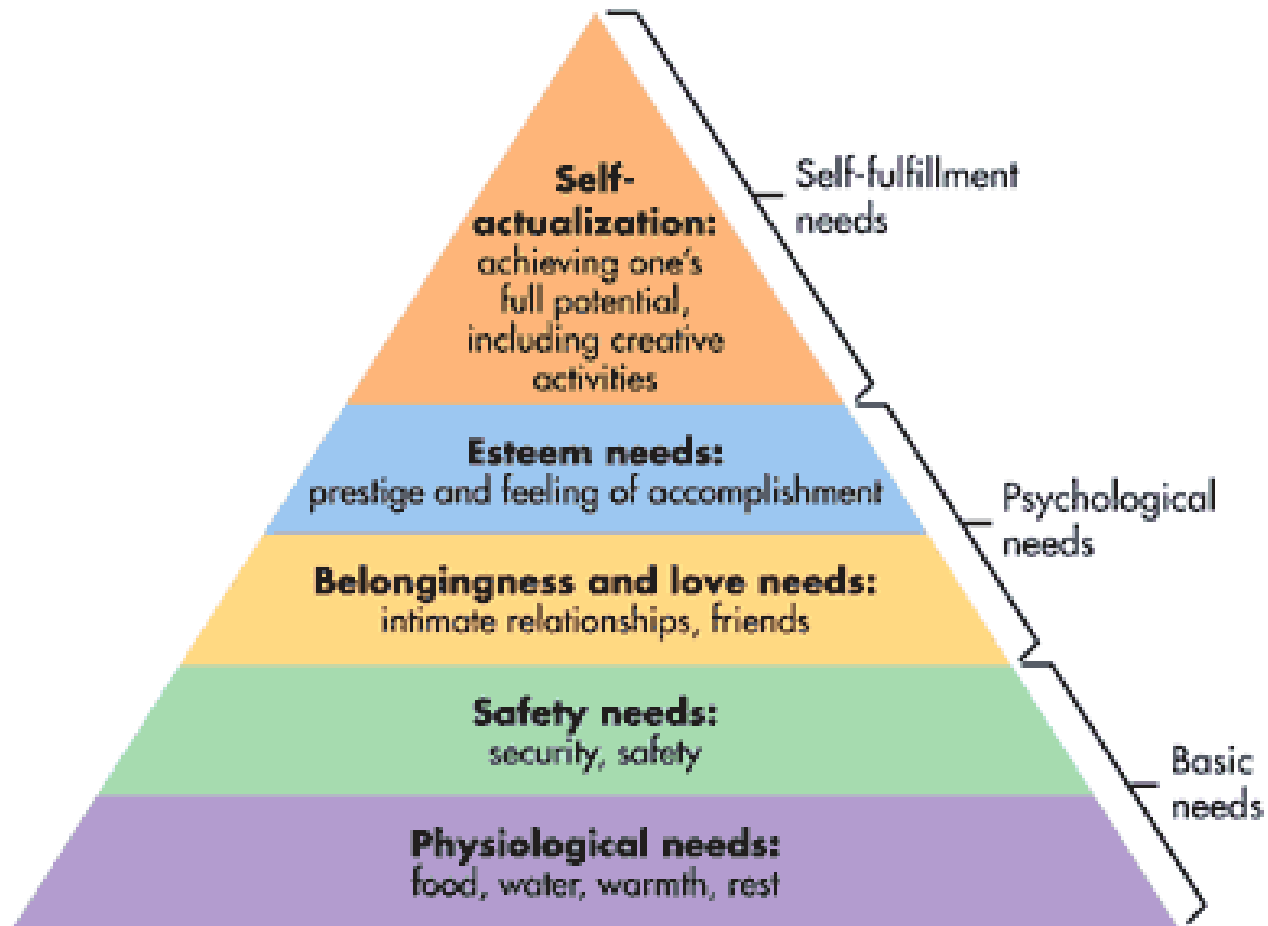
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- Addresses the risk of harm due to intentional criminal acts such as assault, burglary or vandalism
- Is of higher importance to many people than substantive safety



# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

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# IEA

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**I**nternational **E**rgonomics **A**ssociation  
is the federation of ergonomics and  
human factors societies around the  
world

<http://www.iea.cc/>



# CDC

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**C**enters for **D**isease **C**ontrol  
and Prevention

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# NIOSH

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**N**ational **I**nstitute for **O**ccupational  
**S**afety and **H**ealth

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# OSHA

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Occupational Safety and  
Health Administration

<http://www.osha.gov/>

