

Definition:

Situations and environments that would make an individual feel as if he or she is out of the danger or in situations and environments that are not presenting any risks to his or her physical being.

Characteristics:

- Buildings are perceived, as well as inspected, to be safe.
- Implementation of health guidelines exceeds local, state, and community expectations.
- Personnel are proactive about the conditions that could lead to an accident. Precautionary measures ensure safe conditions exist.
- Policies and procedures regarding physical safety are fully implemented and carefully monitored.

Physical Safety

Examples:

- Playgrounds at elementary schools are inspected regularly and repaired quickly when needed.
- Bus safety rules are posted, taught, adhered to, and carefully monitored.
- Classroom rules are posted, taught, and carefully monitored.
- Students are taught health measures to control communicable diseases. These measures are monitored in classrooms and throughout the workplace.

Non-Examples:

- Playground equipment is broken or not set up appropriately to prevent injury.
- Playground equipment lacks the correct fall space and padded surface underneath the equipment.
- Classrooms do not have rules posted.
- Students and employees are not encouraged to wash hands after bathroom visits.
- Injury reporting procedures are not consistently implemented.