

# Safety Culture in Practice



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MOVIE TIME

**easyJet** since 1995

2 AOCs: Swiss & UK

+50 millions passengers per year

20 bases

+200 aircrafts



easyJet G-EZAE aircraft at Edinburgh photo

1 Takeoff / Landing  
every 30 seconds



# CRM

**Cockpit Resource Management**

**Crew Resource Management**

What is it about:

**Leadership**  
**Communication**  
**Teamwork**

Objectives:

<b>Commitment</b>	<b>to safety</b>
<b>Competence</b>	<b>for safety</b>
<b>Cognizance</b>	<b>of safety</b>



**Company Resource Management?**

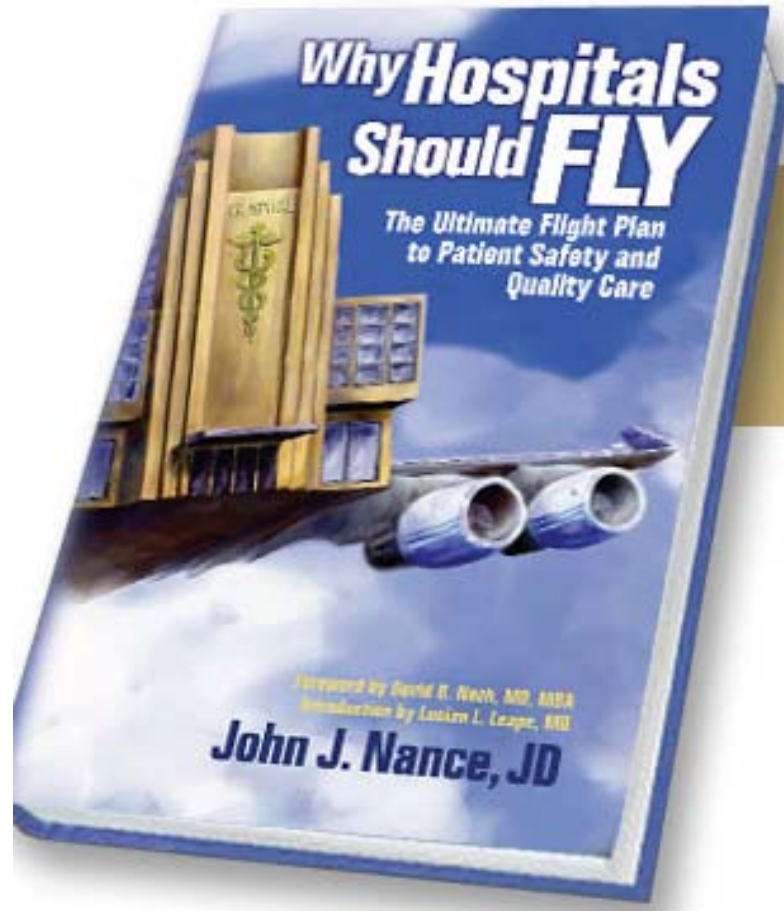
**Safety Culture**

# Why Hospitals Should FLY

The Ultimate Flight Plan to Patient Safety and Quality Care



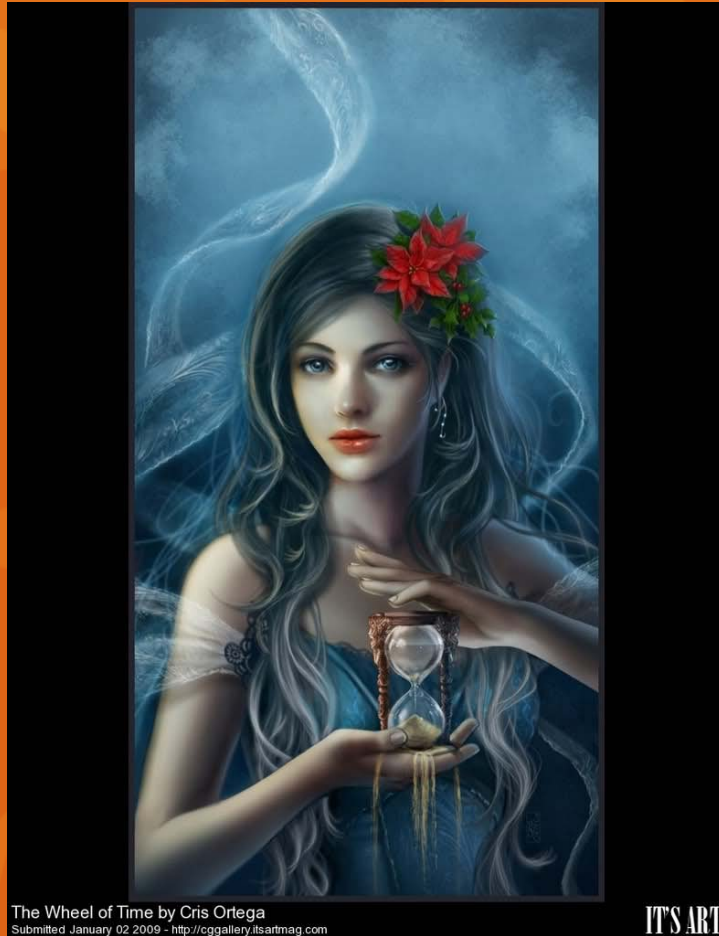
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# Similarity

Highly qualified people must make a decision in a complex environment within a limited time



The decision made may be...

# A clever decision





# A less clever decision



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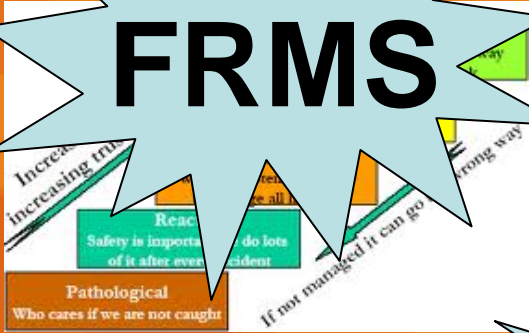


# References -Infobesity

Google: Safety Management System: 5 millions references  
Safety Culture: 1/2 million references



**FRMS**



Evolution



**SMS**



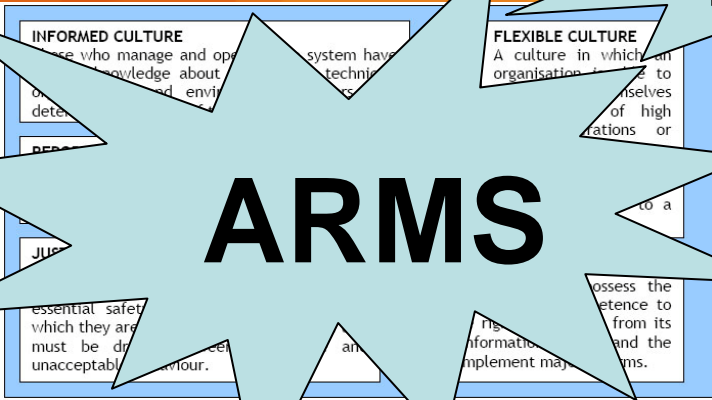
Behaviour



**ETC...**



**ARMS**



Concept



**LOSA**



Concept

**Practical View**

# Safety Culture Communication

**Safety Culture basics belong to All Safety Meetings and Communication**



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**We want to learn from reporting**

**A healthy reporting culture will only be achieved when an atmosphere of trust is implemented, in which people are encouraged (even rewarded) for providing essential safety-related information**

James Reason



# 1. Organisational Climate

Objective:

**Learn from our errors and errors from others**

Challenge:

**How can we make highly qualified people**

With sometimes a well developed ego

**Reporting their mistakes**

**Create Organisational climate where People are prepared  
to report their errors or near-misses**

**Bad news is not only part of life,  
it is part of leadership.**

## 2. Do not shoot the messenger



**Otherwise  
It won't be  
long  
Until you do  
not get any  
message**



### 3. Make sure that nobody else will shoot the messenger

Colleagues

Line  
Managers

Senior  
Managers

Authorities



Climate  
of  
TRUST

Reporter

## 4. Just culture

People must also be clear about where the line is drawn between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour

James Reason, just culture

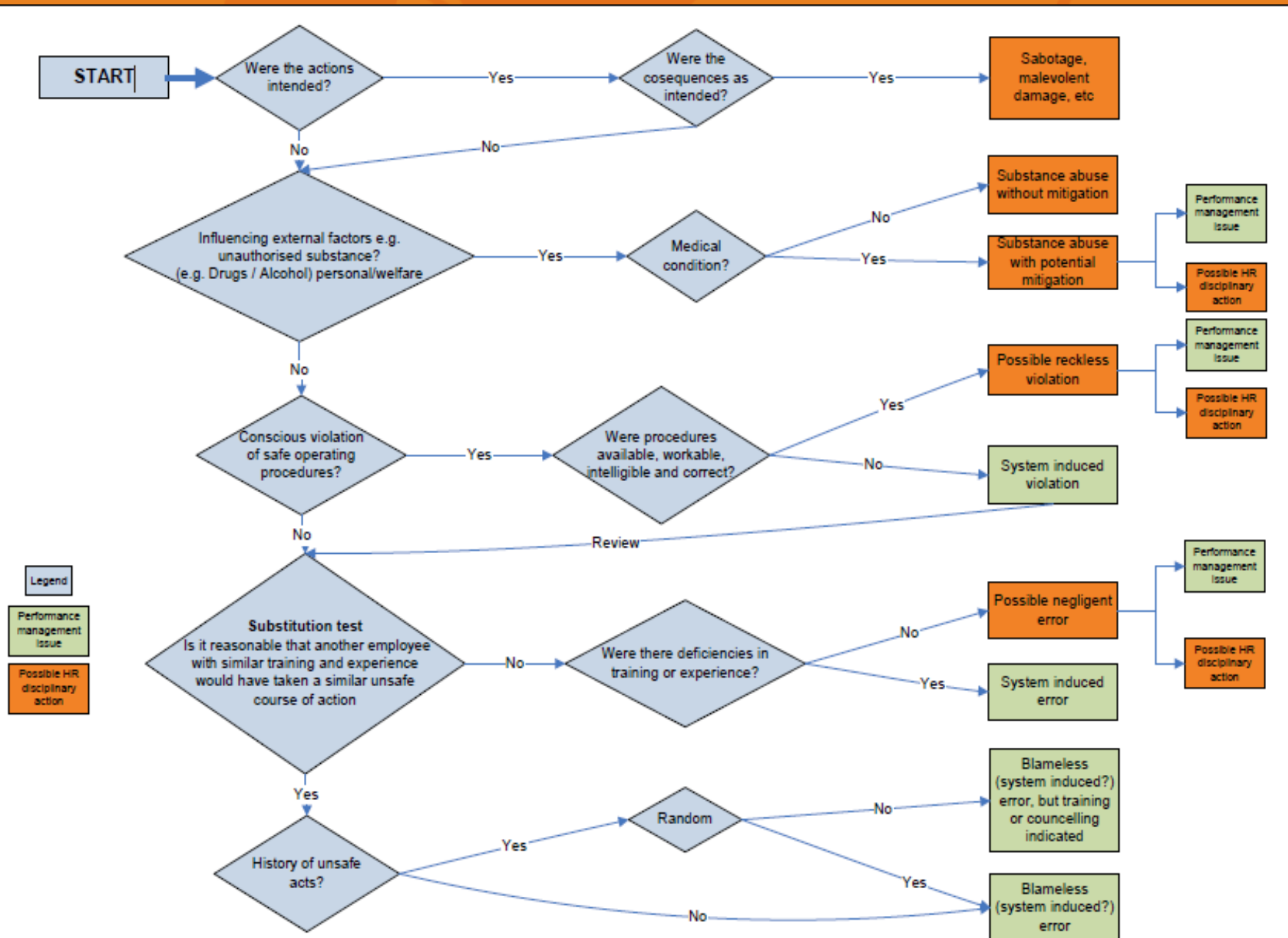


Mom said that there will be days like these  
But never mentioned that so many..

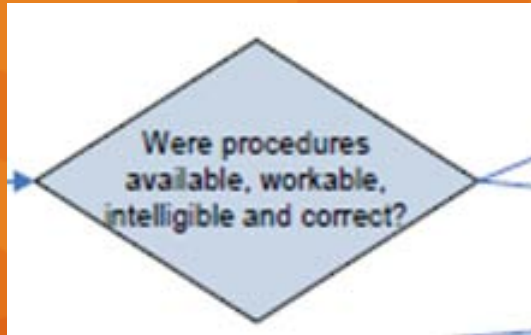


**Just a clear line**

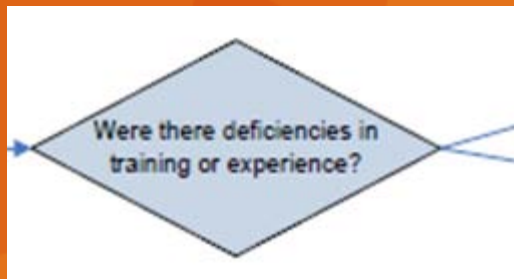
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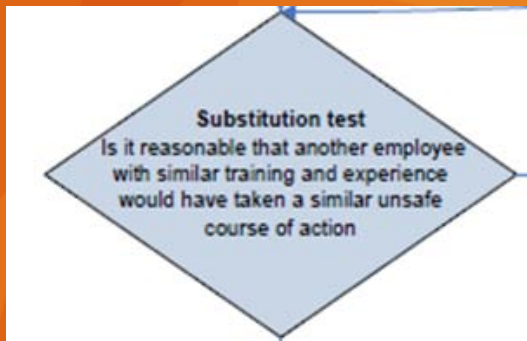
# Culpability test ambiguity



Who will decide if the error was coming from the system (e.g. procedure) or from the person?  
The Management



And who has line responsibility for the system? The Management



Who will the Management tend to blame? Not himself

➔ Management education  
Every one make mistakes



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# There are 2 types of people in life

**Those who  
make mistakes**



**Those who  
make lies**



**Give the example: Tell about your mistakes as well (yes you, the Management)**

## 5. Be Informed



## Additional basics

## 6. Keep Learning



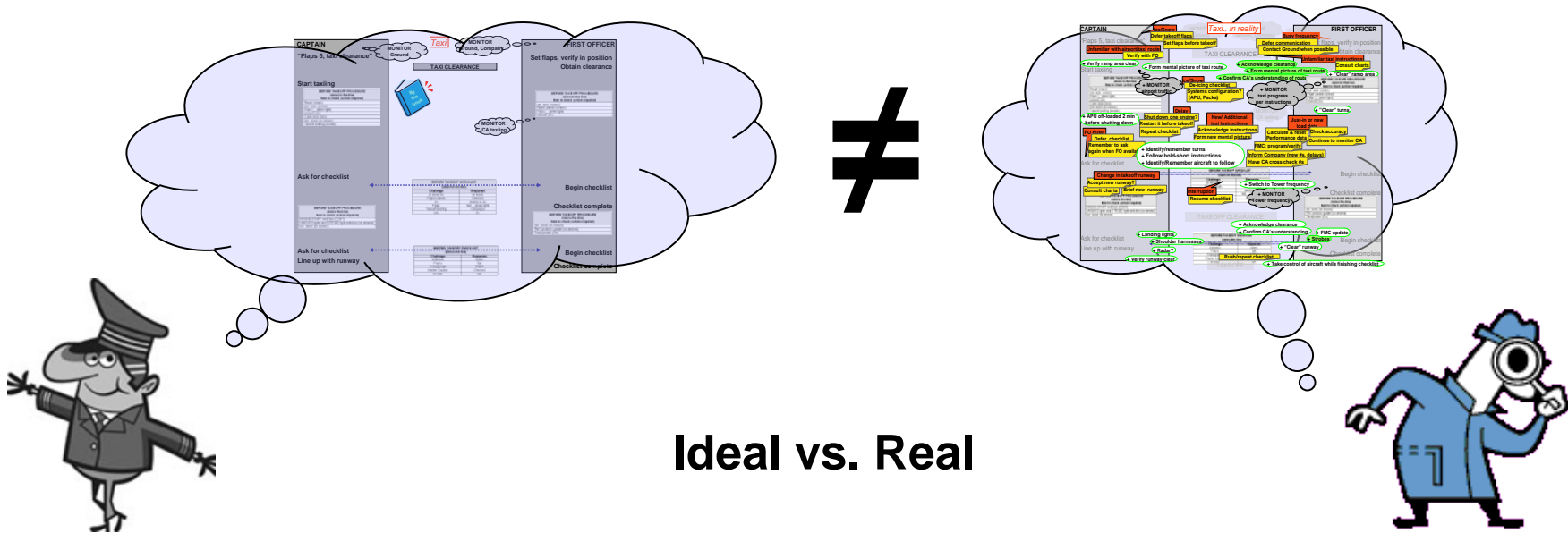
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Lets look at the research study from Mrs. Loukia D. Loukopoulos NASA Ames Research Center San Jose State University Research Foundation

# Organisational informed culture

- 3 Basic assumptions to operational safety design
  - Technology
  - Training
  - Procedures
- Provides baseline (ideal) system performance
- Operational system performance drifts from compliance (baseline) performance as a consequence of real-life operations – practical drift is inevitable



**CAPTAIN**

“Flaps 5, taxi clearance”

MONITOR  
Ground

Taxi

MONITOR  
Ground, Company

**FIRST OFFICER**

Set flaps, verify in position  
Obtain clearance

**Start taxiing**

**TAXI CLEARANCE**



Follow SOPs

MONITOR  
taxiing

**BEFORE TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**  
(down to the line)  
Item to check (action required)

Recall (check)
xxx xxxx (xxxxx)
Flaps ( , green light)
xxxxxxx (xx)
Cabin door (lock)
xxx xxxxx (xx xxxxxxx)
Takeoff briefing (review)

**BEFORE TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**  
(down to the line)  
Item to check (action required)

xxx xxxxx (xxxxxx)
Flight controls (check)
Flaps ( , green light)
xxxxxxx (xx)

**Ask for checklist**

**Begin checklist**

**Checklist complete**

**BEFORE TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**  
(below the line)  
Item to check (action required)

ENGINE START switches (CONT)
LANDING lights and STROBE light switches (as desired)
xxx xxxxx (xx xxxxxxx)

**BEFORE TAKEOFF CHECKLIST**  
(down to the line)

Challenge	Response
xx xxxxx xx	xx xxxxx
Flight controls	Checked
xx	xxxxxx xx xx
Flaps	Set , green light
Takeoff Briefing	Completed
xxx	xx

**BEFORE TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**  
(below the line)  
Item to check (action required)

xxx xxxxx (xx xxxxxxx)
FMC position update (as desired)
Transponder (On)

**Ask for checklist**

**Begin checklist**

**Checklist complete**

**Line up with runway**

**BEFORE TAKEOFF CHECKLIST**  
(below the line)

Challenge	Response
xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxx
Packs	Set
Transponder	TA/RA
Master Caution	Checked
xx xxxxx	xxx



# CAPTAIN

# FIRST OFFICER

## Taxi.. in reality

"Flaps 5, taxi clearance"

Ice/Snow

Defer takeoff flaps

Set flaps before takeoff

Unfamiliar with airport/taxi route

Verify with FO

+ Verify ramp area clear

+ Form mental picture of taxi route

+ Acknowledge clearance

+ Form mental picture of taxi route

Unfamiliar taxi instructions

Consult charts

+ "Clear" ramp area

+ Confirm CA's understanding of route

BEFORE TAKEOFF PROCEDURE (down to the line)  
Item to check (action required)

Recall (check)
xxx xxxx (xxxxx)
Flaps ( , green light)
xxxxxx (xx)
Cabin door (lock)
xxx xxxxx (xx xxxxxx)
Takeoff briefing (review)

+ MONITOR airport traffic

Ice/Snow

De-icing checklist  
Systems configuration?  
(APU, Packs)

+ MONITOR taxi progress per instructions

BEFORE TAKEOFF PROCEDURE (down to the line)  
Item to check (action required)

xxx xxxx (xxxxx)
Flight controls (check)
Flaps ( , green light)
xxxxxxx (xx)

+ "Clear" turns

+ APU off-loaded 2 min before shutting down

Defer second eng.start

New/ Additional taxi instructions

Just-in or new load data

Repeat checklist

Acknowledge instructions  
Form new mental picture

Calculate & reset Performance data

Check accuracy

FO busy

Defer checklist

Remember to ask again when FO avail

+ Identify/remember turns  
+ Follow hold-short instructions  
+ Identify/Remember aircraft to follow

FMC: program/verify  
Inform Company (new #s, delays)  
Have CA cross check #s

Continue to monitor CA

Ask for checklist

Change in takeoff runway

Accept new runway?

Consult charts

Brief new runway

BEFORE TAKEOFF CHECKLIST (down to the line)

Challenge	Response
xx xxxxx	xxxxx
Flaps controls	xxxxx
Set, g	xxxxx

+ Switch to Tower frequency

+ MONITOR Tower frequency

Interruption

Resume checklist

BEFORE TAKEOFF PROCEDURE (below the line)  
Item to check (action required)

xxx xxxxx (xx xxxxxx)
FMC position update (as desired)
Transponder (On)

## TAKEOFF CLEARANCE

+ Acknowledge clearance

+ Confirm CA's understanding

+ FMC update

+ Landing lights

+ Shoulder harnesses

+ Strobes

Ask for checklist

Line up with runway

+ Radar?

+ "Clear" runway

Rush/repeat checklist

+ Verify runway clear

+ Take control of aircraft while finishing checklist

BEFORE TAKEOFF CHECKLIST (below the line)

Challenge	Response
xxxxxxxxx	xxxxx
Packs	Set
Transponder	xxxx
Master Ca	xxxx
xx xxxxx	xxxx

## TAKEOFF

# The multitasking myth

Ability to multitask is overestimated

- Dispel the Myth of multitasking
- Multitasking substantially increase our vulnerability to errors
- Recognize risk of vulnerability to unintentional omissions
- Design Procedures accordingly



## 8. Focus on the right issues

Speed limit on high way for  
**1,5 tons** car:



**Km/h**

Take Off speed for a  
**600 tons** acft:



**Risk Management:**

- Know them
- Understand them
- Control them

**250 Km/h**

**Subject Matter Experts (SME)**

## 9. Safety First, keep it alive

**The Big Boss says:  
Safety is our number one priority**



**The less big boss thinks:  
Safety is our n. 1 priority & I want to please my boss too**

**The even less big boss:  
My 1st priorities are safety and to please my chief**

***The front line guy: I have to please my chief  
if I want to keep my job***



**Safety is our N 1 priority**

This reminder belongs to every safety meeting and communication



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## 10. Keep it Credible

**It is hard to convince someone to spend money for something which should ideally never happen**

**A Safety Manager will always spend too much money when nothing happens**

**A Safety Manager will always not have spent enough money when something happened**

**→ Draw the right conclusions and actions**

**(ALARP concept)**

**→ Prefer the first case, even if it is a hard mission**



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# If you believe that safety is expensive...

What are the costs of an aircraft accident? How do we measure the value of hundreds of people's lives?

Can we ever calculate the millions of CHF worth of damage?

How should we calculate that cost and set it against the inevitable commercial cost of the investments necessary to avoid the tragedy in the first place?

**Aircraft physical damage**

**Possible loss of resale value**

**Aircraft loss of use**

**Aircraft loss of investment return**

**Passenger and crew fatalities and/or serious injuries**

**Site contamination and clearance**

**Airline costs for delay**

**Airport closure**

**Loss of staff investment**

**Loss of cargo and/or mail and/or passenger baggage**

**Search and rescue and cost of emergency services**

**Airline immediate response**

**Cost of accident investigation**

**Third party damage**

**loss of airline income/value/reputation**

**Societal costs**

**Emergency inspections**

**Fines, punitive damages, criminal proceedings**

Source:NLR, Netherlands

# Hangar 89, easyJet Headquarter



# Safety Building

Roof

Safety Culture

Upright support

Leadership

Safety Pillars

Safety meetings & comm.  
(SRB, SAGs, etc)

Standards & Procedures

Every one's support,  
Involvement  
And  
Commitment

Technology & Training

Investigations &  
Safety information

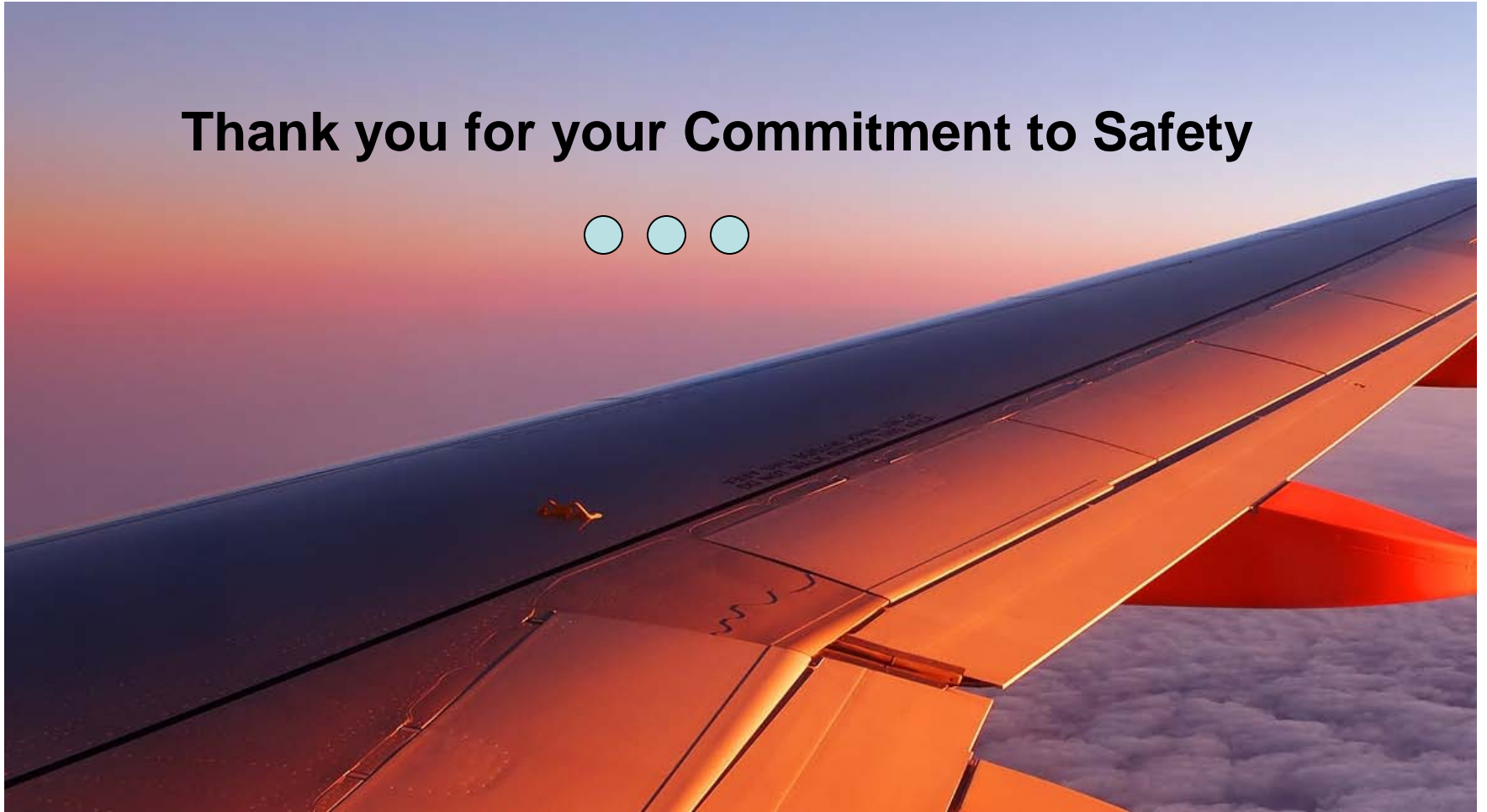
Strong Footing

Safety Absolutes

Safety is  
overriding priority

All incidents are  
preventable

**Thank you for your Commitment to Safety**



# ERC Event Risk Classification process

### ARMS in a Nutshell

#### ERC Event Risk Classification

*First step for all incoming data*

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10	21	101
5	1	20
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Maintenance error

Flight ops hazard

Hazard on ground

ATC hazard

Weather hazard

Terrain

**Unstable operational state**

**ACCIDENT OUTCOME**

Catastrophic accident (e.g. mid air collision)

Major accident (e.g. venturing)

Minor safety occurrence (e.g. turbulence bruises)

Negligible

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# ERC

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Question 1: What was the effectiveness of the remaining barriers between this event and the most probable accident scenario?				Question 2: Did the event escalate into an accident outcome, which would have been the most probable outcome?		Typical accident scenarios
Efctive	imited	Minor	Not effective	Escalated	Not escalated	
50	102	152	202	Catastrophic Accident	Low of several or multiple failures (2 or more)	Loss of control, mid-air collision, post-landing fire or hard, explosion, structural failure of the aircraft, etc.
10	21	110	161	Major Accident	1 or 2 failures, multiple barrier failures, major damage to aircraft	High speed/low altitude major turbulence/riples
2	4	20	100	Minor Injuries or damage	Minor injuries, minor damage to aircraft	Pushback accident, minor weather damage
No accident outcome				No potential damage or injury could occur	Incident which could not escalate into an accident even if it may have potential consequences (e.g. diversions, loss of cabin pressure)	

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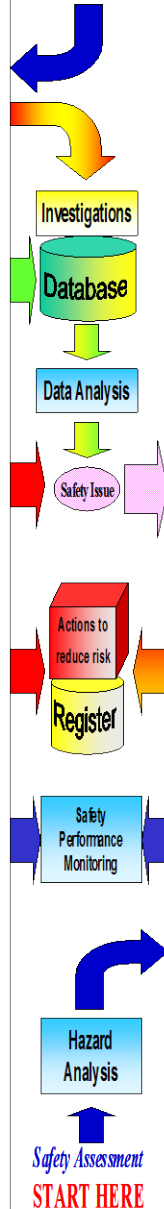
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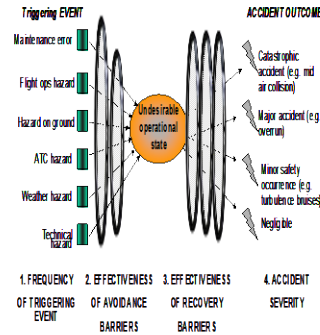
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- Monitor → "Monitor": Monitor through the routine database analysis
- Accept → "Acceptable": No specific action required

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# Sira Safety Issue Risk Assessment process

# ERC

## Event Risk Classification

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What was the effectiveness of the remaining barriers between this event and the most credible accident scenario?				If this event had escalated into an accident outcome, what would have been the most credible outcome?		
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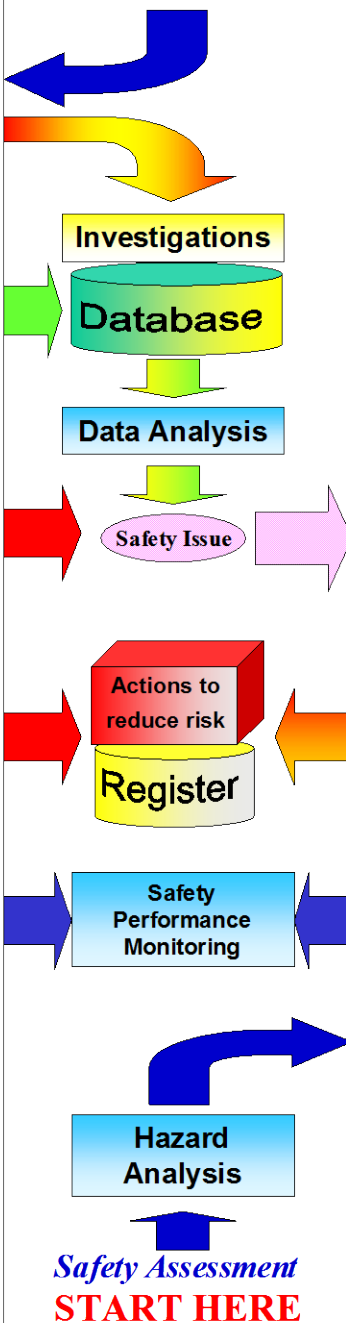
#### Answer Question 2:

- To assess the remaining safety margin, consider both the number and robustness of the remaining barriers between this event and the accident scenario identified in Question 1.
- Barriers, which already failed are ignored
- Select the column of choice. See section 4.2 for detailed guidance.

### RESULT\*:

- Immediate action & further investigation required
  - More refined Risk Assessment and/or investigation required.
  - No action required. Contributes to the Safety Database.
- 21 ERC Risk Index number → Use in database analysis (trending & statistics)

\* Examples only. To be customised at each organisation.



# SIRA

## Safety Issue Risk Assessment

Used for:

- Safety Issues
- Safety Assessments, when quality of safety is in doubt (Management of Change process)

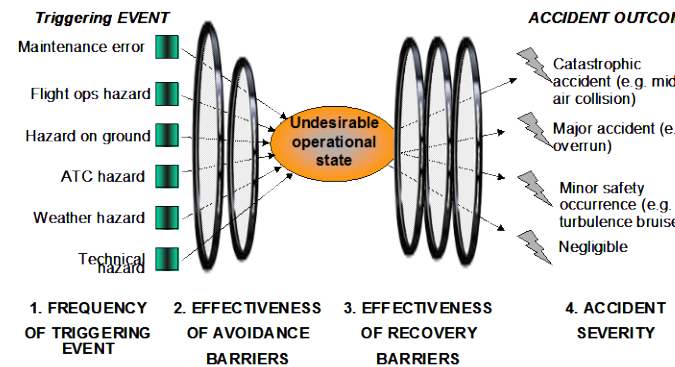
### HOW TO DO IT:

Define the Safety Issue precisely:

- Scope the issue in terms of hazards, locations, a/c types, etc. See section 4.8

Develop the related potential accident scenarios:

- There may be several accident scenarios within one Safety Issue (see glossary)
- Select the most critical scenarios (one or more) for the risk assessment



Analyse (each) Scenario using the SIRA model (above):

- Identify the accident outcome of the scenario
- Identify what is considered the triggering event (see section 6.9 for detail)
- Decide what you consider as the UOS.
- List the avoidance and recovery barriers and review their robustness

Run the SIRA with numbers:

- Consider using the SIRA Excel tool
- Select a known or an estimated value for each of the 4 SIRA components

### RESULT\*:

- Stop → "Stop": Discontinue the concerned part of the operation until acceptable risk is achieved.
- Improve → "Improve": Still unacceptable risk but tolerable for a short time. Action required to reduce risk.
- Secure → "Secure": Frequent monitoring required, as the item is at the limit of acceptable risk.
- Monitor → "Monitor": Monitor through the routine database analysis.
- Accept → "Acceptable". No specific action required.