

# Precautionary Principle



## 1 Definition

The Precautionary Principle or precautionary approach states that if an action or Policy or Procedure has a suspected risk of causing harm to the public or to the environment, in the absence of scientific consensus that the action or Policy or Procedure is harmful, the burden of proof that it is not harmful falls on those taking the action.

## 2 References

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## 3 Definition Information

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