

# Latent (glossary)

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*Description of unsafe conditions in a system that may be present for many years before they combine with local circumstances and active failures to penetrate the system's many layers of defenses. - adapted from (Reason 1997, 10)*

## Sources

Reason, J. 1997. *Managing the Risks of Organizational Accidents*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing Limited.

## Discussion

This term is applicable in the resilience context particularly with respect to the *drift correction design principle*.

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