Safetyism in Elder Care

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Safetyism

 A culture or belief system in which safety has become a sacred value, which means that people become unwilling to make trade-offs demanded by other practical and moral concerns.





Safetyism in Care of the Elderly





Self-actualization

desire to become the most that one can be

Esteem

respect, self-esteem, status, recognition, strength, freedom

Love and belonging friendship, intimacy, family, sense of connection

Safety needs personal security, employment, resources, health, property

Physiological needs

air, water, food, shelter, sleep, clothing, reproduction

Maslow's hierarchy of needs



What are the harms?



What Can We Do?

- 1. Involve people in their own care decisions
- 2. Ask about life history before making any care decisions
 - a. "When did you feel most alive?"
 - b. "What are your biggest fear and worries about the future with your health?"
- 3. Address safety concerns non-confrontationally with real data to allow people to make decisions directly





THANK YOU!

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Who are we?

- Gravitii modernizes the process of finding and managing care by leveraging technology to help deliver a more personalized, effective and timely home care experience for clients and providers.
- Founded in 2022
- Headquartered in Kelowna, BC

