

The role of Psychological Safety in Safety and Learning

'Psykologisk tryghed'
på Dansk



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Psychological Safety

What is it and why is it important?

A close-up portrait of Edgar Schein, an older man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing glasses. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus.

*“Psychological safety is a
counterbalance for the
ambiguity and insecurity that
comes with change”*

(Edgar Schein & Warren Bennis, 1965)

It helps to explain why employees...

Share information and knowledge

Collins & Smith, 2006; Siemsen et al. 2009

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It helps to explain why employees...

Speak up with suggestions for
improvements

Detert & Burris, 2007; Liang et al. 2012

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It helps to explain why employees...

Take **initiative** to try **new ideas**

It helps to explain why employees...

Have a sense of **confidence** that the team will not
embarrass, reject or punish
someone for **speaking up**

Psychological Safety...

Enables teams


to learn and perform

Bunderson & Boumgarden, 2010; Carmeli 2007; Carmeli & Gittell 2009; Edmondson 1999; Tucker et al. 2007;

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Low levels of psychological safety...

Lead to climates with **high job demands** and **low job control**, that in turn impact on employees' **emotional exhaustion** and **psychology distress**.

A woman with grey hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt and black pants, is standing on a stage and speaking into a small microphone. She is gesturing with her hands. Behind her is a large screen displaying a quote. To her left is a red graphic with white dots and lines. The background is a textured wall with vertical yellow and pink light strips.

*“An individuals perceptions
of the consequences of
taking interactional risks in
a particular context”*

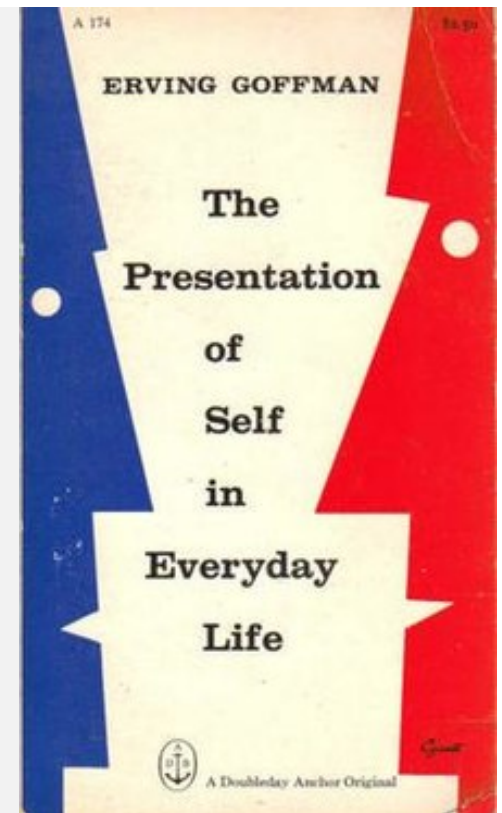
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhoLui9gX8&t=5s>

When we go to work...

| No one wants to look: | It's easier to manage: |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ignorant | Don't ask questions |
| Incompetent | Don't admit weakness or mistakes |
| Intrusive | Don't offer ideas |
| Negative | Don't critique the status quo |

Impression management

“A strategy for self protection”



Erving Goffman (1959) *'The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life'*

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Model of antecedents & consequences of team Psychological Safety



Edmondson (1999)

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Examples from the real world...

↑ Responsibility

↑ Scrutiny

↑ Support?



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Coronavirus: Are hospital cleaners forgotten heroes in this crisis?

By Marianna Brady
BBC News, Washington

20 April

Coronavirus pandemic



Cleanliness and hygiene has never seemed of greater concern than it is now. So should the people making sure hospitals are free of germs be getting more of a voice?

On 26 March, Chicago stopped for a moment of gratitude amidst the growing coronavirus crisis. People took to their balconies, porches and rooftops cheering and ringing bells in the dark winter night.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52359101>

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TEMA CORONA I DANMARK

Rengøringsassistent død med covid-19: Gjorde rent på coronaafsnit

En mandlig rengøringsassistent på Herlev Hospital blev i marts smittet med coronavirus og døde kort tid efter. Arbejdstilsynet er nu i gang med at afklare, om der blev begået fejl.



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En mandlig rengøringsassistent i 50'erne døde i foråret efter at have gjort rent på en corona-afdeling på Herlev Hospital.

Det skriver A4 Arbejdsmiljø, der har fået aktindsigt i en række dokumenter hos Arbejdstilsynet. Tilsynet er nu i gang med at afklare, om Herlev Hospital overholdt Sundhedsstyrelsens retningslinjer, ligesom det skal undersøges, om det er sandsynligt, at han blev smittet efter at have gjort rent på isolationsstuer med covid-19-patienter uden brug af værnemidler.

<https://fagbladet3f.dk/artikel/gjorde-rent-paa-coronaafsnit>

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What can we do about it?

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Your Psychological PPE

to Promote Mental Health and Well-Being



These recommendations are based on a review of published literature and the experience of health systems. For more information visit ihi.org.

Individual



Take a day off and create space between work and home life



Avoid publicity and media coverage about COVID-19



Receive mental health support during and after the crisis



Facilitate opportunities to show gratitude



Reframe negative experiences as positive and reclaim agency

Team Leader



Limit staff time on site/shift



Design clear roles and leadership



Train managers to be aware of key risk factors and monitor for any signs of distress



Make peer support services available to staff



Pair workers together to serve as peer support in a “buddy system”

Psychological Safety...

Does **NOT** imply a 'cosy' (hygge) environment with friends,
Nor the absence of pressure or problems

but...

Work conditions which focuses on **Psychological Wellbeing** and the
factors that contribute to...

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Thank you



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