



A Safe and Secure Everyday Life is Made Together

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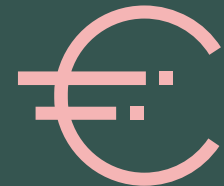
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3. Where is everyday security made?
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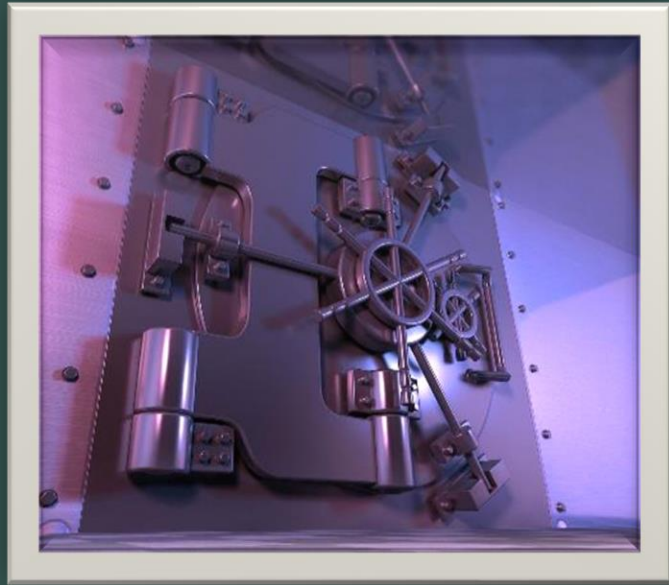
A safe
and secure
society in all
situations



1. Security and safety – different concepts of security



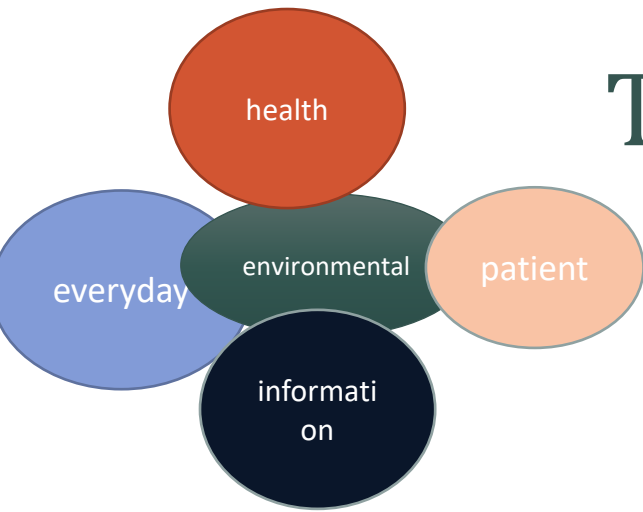
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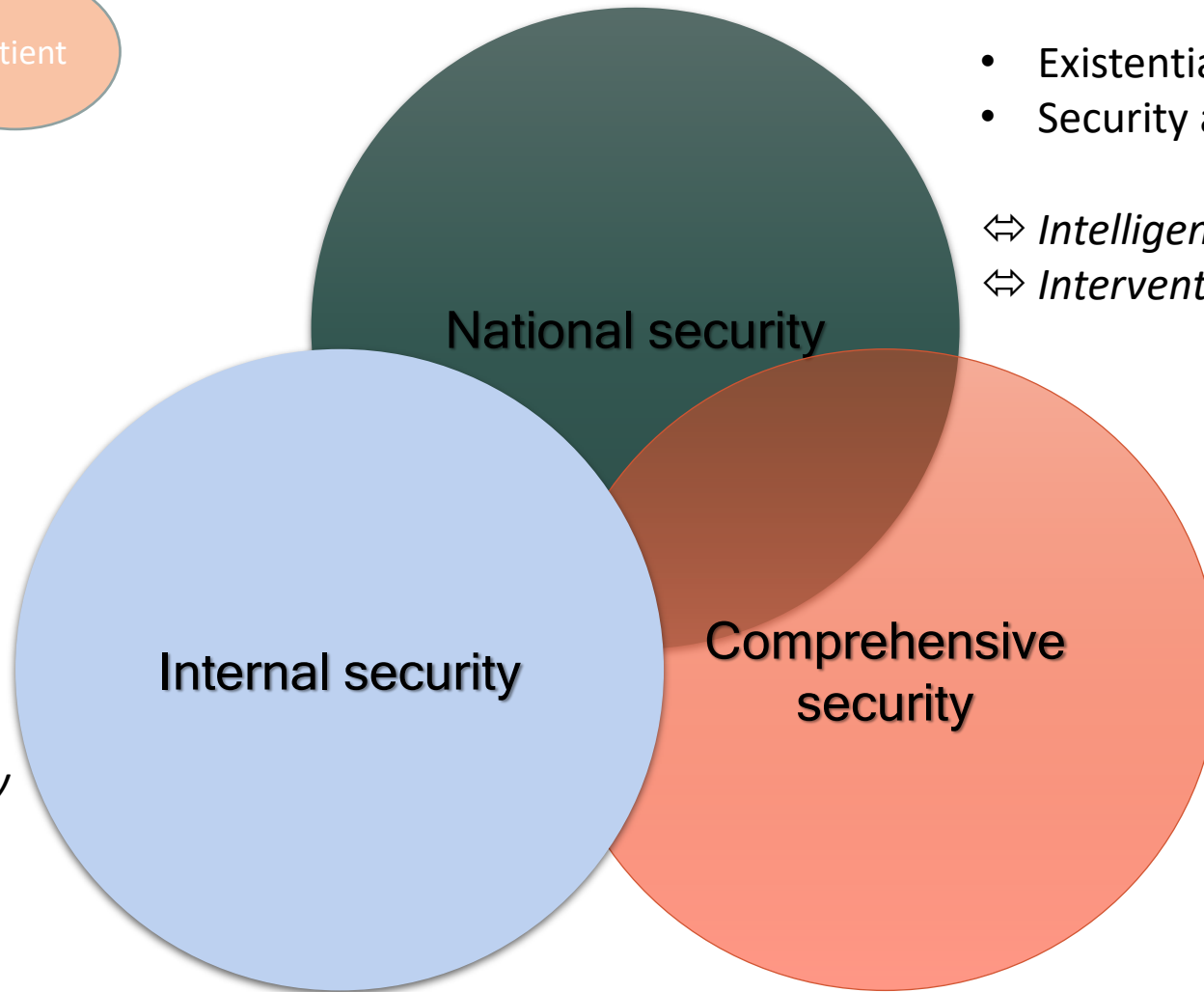
...and safety



There are different securities



And plenty of others...



- Existential threats
- Security and sovereignty of the state

⇔ *Intelligence*
⇔ *Intervention*

- Crime
- Disturbances
- Accidents

⇔ *Feelings of safety*

⇔ *Rights and freedoms*

- Vital functions of society
- Threats and risks

⇔ *Preparedness*

- Somewhat differing approaches—
same common goal



Security - a state
where threats and
risks are manageable?

2. Security and safety create the basis for wellbeing



Internal security – a definition?

*The qualities of society that ensure that the
1)
population may benefit from the rights and
freedoms endowed by the justice system without
2) 3)
fears of or insecurities from crime, disturbances,
accidents or other domestic or international
phenomena.*



Objective and subjective security

- Crime, disturbances, accidents – objective: what statistics say
- Fears and insecurities – sense or feeling of safety
- Challenge: the feeling of safety is largely influenced by other factors than measurable objective security
 - uncertainties, crises, economic situation, changes in the world, one's immediate environment and life situation

79 % of People in Finland Find Their Lives Safe

(December 2024, The Citizens' Pulse Survey)

But of people under 25 years old only 53 % find their lives safe

Finland: the happiest country in the world for seventh time in a row in 2024

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|---|-------------|-------|------------------------|
| 1 | Finland | 7.741 | 95% c.i. for rank: 1-1 |
| 2 | Denmark | 7.583 | 95% c.i. for rank: 2-3 |
| 3 | Iceland | 7.525 | 95% c.i. for rank: 2-3 |
| 4 | Sweden | 7.344 | 95% c.i. for rank: 4-7 |
| 5 | Israel | 7.341 | 95% c.i. for rank: 4-7 |
| 6 | Netherlands | 7.319 | 95% c.i. for rank: 4-7 |
| 7 | Norway | 7.302 | 95% c.i. for rank: 4-7 |



Maslow's hierarchy of needs



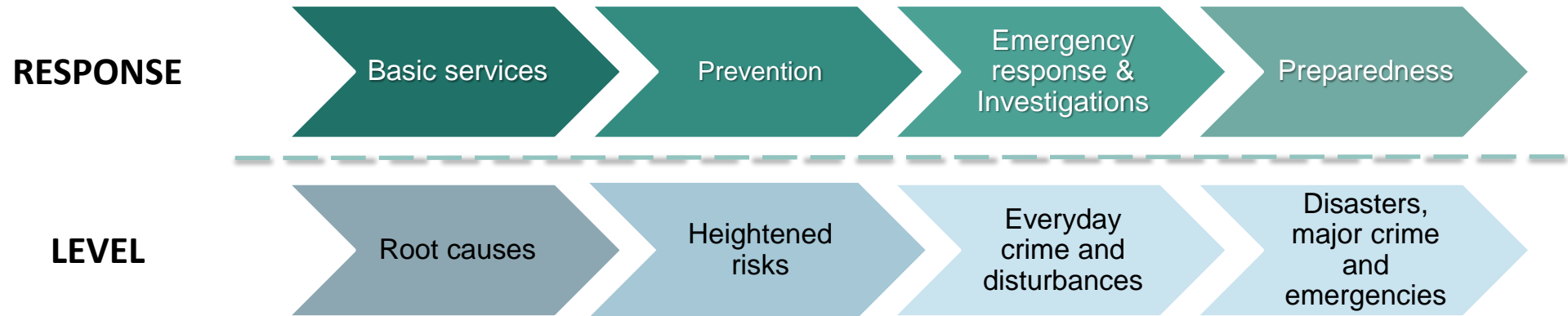
We view the world through our own lenses;
security looks different to different people



3. Where is everyday security made?



Where is internal security made?



FUNDAMENTAL QUALITIES OF SOCIETY

- education
- wellbeing
- equality
- substance policy
- integration
- etc.

TOPICAL PHENOMENA

- socially marginalized young men and crime
- accidents in a rapidly ageing population
- safety and security in sparsely populated areas
- rise of violent extremism

AUTHORITIES' CAPACITY AND RESPONSE

- emergency services
- criminal investigations and the criminal justice system
- also: crime victim support, voluntary rescue services

BIG RISKS

- environmental catastrophes
- large scale cyber-incidents
- extreme weather phenomenon
- pandemia
- etc.



4. The situation of internal security in Finland & current security phenomena



Three perspectives on internal security in Finland



Security as

Everyday crime and
disturbances

The world's safest country



Security as

Emergency response and
investigations

More and faster help is needed



Security as

Disasters, disturbances and
crises

New complex threats in
addition to old ones



Everyday life in Finland is safe

- Total crime rate, homicide, fire deaths and traffic deaths, among other things, having decreased significantly in recent decades.
- Accidents and incidents are a major threat to everyday safety
 - the fourth most common cause of death
- Social problems accumulate for groups that are already in a vulnerable position.
 - Less than 5 % of the population commits over 50 % of all crimes
 - 10 % of the population experiences 2/3 of all violence



Cooperation as a resource for services

- In Finland, help is mainly available quickly and reliably in an emergency. People's confidence in receiving help is also quite high on average (68 %).
 - Availability of services varies considerably regionally
- Internal security authorities have limited resources.
- At the same time the agenda of security authorities has expanded and become more complex. The level of competence requirements has multiplied.
- The ability to prioritize and cooperate with authorities is both a prerequisite for operations and a significant asset.



New complex threats in addition to old ones

In recent years, several large-scale disturbances have occurred: Covid19, war in Europe, large-scale immigration...

- In general, Finland's preparedness level and comprehensive security model have proven to be worthy of its reputation, but there is still work to be done.

However:

- increasing global interdependence and complexity,
- continued digitalization,
- and international tensions have led to increasingly smaller disruptions having the potential to have ever larger impacts.



Phenomena affecting security



WARS AND
CONFLICTS



CHANGING FACES
OF DEMOCRACY



CHANGING RULES IN
ECONOMY AND LABOUR



CLIMATE CHANGE
AND NATURE LOSS



NEW
TECHNOLOGIES

INTERNAL CHANGES



POLARISATION



URBANISATION



INEQUALITY AND
MARGINALISATION



DEPENDENCE ON ELECTRICITY
AND INFORMATION NETWORKS



POPULATION
AGEING

GOOD SECURITY REQUIRES

- 1 equal and quality services
- 2 good population relations and trust
- 3 preventive emphasis, an information-based approach and extensive cooperation
- 4 sufficient resources and know-how of staff
- 5 versatile use of new technologies
- 6 up-to-date legislation



Many security and safety issues touch the lives of the young

- Road safety
- Alcohol, drugs and substances
- Violence, robberies and street gangs
- Social media; digital and information security
- Marginalization and externality
- Mostly natural explanations; part of growing up:
 - young people are active, live dynamic lives and want to explore the world.
- But of course some of these issues raise concerns



Security in constant change

1. Security is constantly changing as part of societal change – not by itself or in a vacuum
2. What we consider security issues – and how important they are – is also changing all the time
3. Long-term slow developments are often more significant than rapid and surprising changes or crises – not always, but often
4. The underlying phenomena of change often have both negative and positive effects on security at the same time
5. We are not just driftwood – we can influence the future



5. What can we all do to promote security and safety?



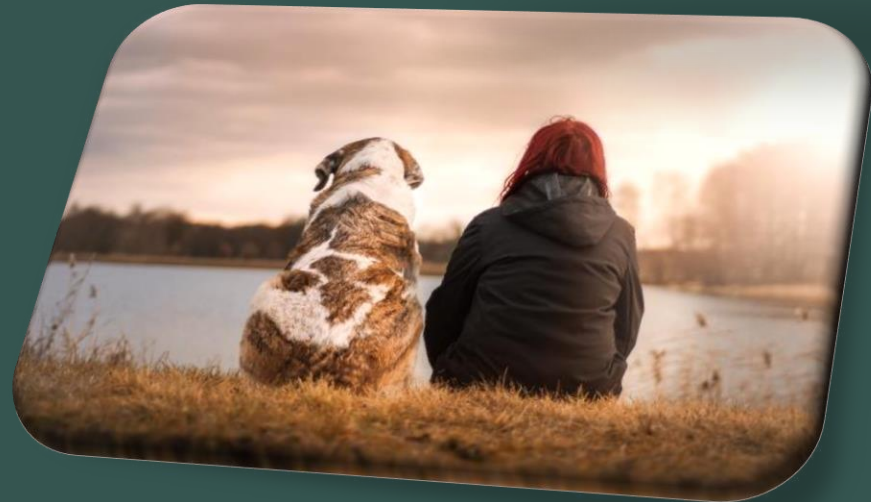
Strong community – strong sense of security

- The most serious “new” security threats attack the root causes and the experience or sense of security
 - Violent radicalization and terrorism, hybrid influence, military threat
- Social capital and trust are the most significant success factors in both everyday security and crises protecting us from outside influence.
- The strongest influence on the feeling of safety is on one's immediate circle in everyday life. The feeling of safety is therefore primarily created nearby – at home, at school, at work, in joint gatherings.



Positive security signals

- Look for positive security signals and create them for others
 - The feeling of safety is primarily created nearby – at home, in schools, at work, in public gatherings.
 - We can each influence how the people around us feel and how we treat them.
- Keep up the routines
- Keep your safety information and skills up to date



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WHAT DO I DO?

Preparing for incidents and crises

Do you know how to prepare for different situations and act during them?

Preparedness means preparing for various incidents and crises and emergency conditions in advance.

If something extraordinary happens, everyone's preparedness and actions affect our ability to cope.

Situations requiring preparedness include:

- long power and water outages
- long disruptions in internet or banking services
- natural phenomena, such as a storm or wildfire
- longer-term crises, such as a pandemic or a military conflict.



<https://www.suomi.fi/guides/preparedness>

Preparedness website for youth

<https://www.spek.fi/nuorten-varautumissivusto/>

Nuorten
varautumis-
sivusto

Q Haku

Onnettomuudet ▾ Häiriötilanteet ▾ Ympäristö ▾ Liikenne ▾ Digiturvallisuus ▾ Läheiset ja yhteisöllisyys ▾ Lemmikit ▾

Varaudu häiriötilanteisiin ja ehkäise onnettomuuksia

Nuorten varautumissivusto opastaa, miten jokainen voi varautua erilaisiin häiriötilanteisiin ja ehkäistä onnettomuuksia kotona ja vapaa-ajalla.

Kannustamme kaikkia toimimaan ennakoivasti ja turvallisesti omassa ympäristössään.

Sivustoa ylläpitää Suomen Pelastusalan Keskusjärjestö SPEK.



Key takeaways

1. Finland is a safe country but security is not the same for all.
2. The actions of the security authorities are important and are emphasized in times of emergency. Everyday safety is done in local communities.
3. We are all security actors and can influence our own security but also the security and safety of others.



Thank you!



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