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INTRODUCTION

IEC 62368-1 is based on the principles of hazard-based safety engineering, which is a different way of developing and specifying safety considerations than that of the current practice. While this document is different from traditional IEC safety documents in its approach and while it is believed that IEC 62368-1 provides a number of advantages, its introduction and evolution are not intended to result in significant changes to the existing safety philosophy that led to the development of the safety requirements contained in IEC 60065 and IEC 60950-1. The predominant reason behind the creation of IEC 62368-1 is to simplify the problems created by the merging of the technologies of ITE and CE. The techniques used are novel, so a learning process is required and experience is needed in its application. Consequently, the committee recommends that this edition of the document be considered as an alternative to IEC 60065 or IEC 60950-1 at least over the recommended transition period.

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0 Principles of this product safety standard

Clause 0 is informational and provides a rationale for the normative clauses of the document.

0.5.1 General

ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, 6.3.5 states:

“When reducing risks the order of priority shall be as follows:

- a) inherently safe design;*
- b) guards and protective devices;*
- c) information for end users.*

Inherently safe design measures are the first and most important step in the risk reduction process. This is because protective measures inherent to the characteristics of the product or system are likely to remain effective, whereas experience has shown that even well-designed guards and protective devices can fail or be violated and information for use might not be followed.

Guards and protective devices shall be used whenever an inherently safe design measure does not reasonably make it possible either to remove hazards or to sufficiently reduce risks. Complementary protective measures involving additional equipment (for example, emergency stop equipment) might have to be implemented.

The end user has a role to play in the risk reduction procedure by complying with the information provided by the designer/supplier. However, information for use shall not be a substitute for the correct application of inherently safe design measures, guards or complementary protective measures.”

In general, this principle is used in IEC 62368-1. The table below shows a comparison between the hierarchy required in ISO/IEC Guide 51 and the hierarchy used in IEC 62368-1:2018:

ISO/IEC Guide 51	IEC 62368-1
a) inherently safe design	1. inherently safe design by limiting all energy hazards to class 1
b) guards and protective devices	2. equipment safeguards
	3. installation safeguards
	4. personal safeguards
c) information for end users	5. behavioral safeguards
	6. instructional safeguards

Risk assessment has been considered as part of the development of IEC 62368-1 as indicated in the following from ISO/IEC Guide 51 (Figure 1) in this document. See also the Hazard Based Safety Engineering (HBSE) Process Flow (Figure 2) in this document that also provides additional details for the above comparison.

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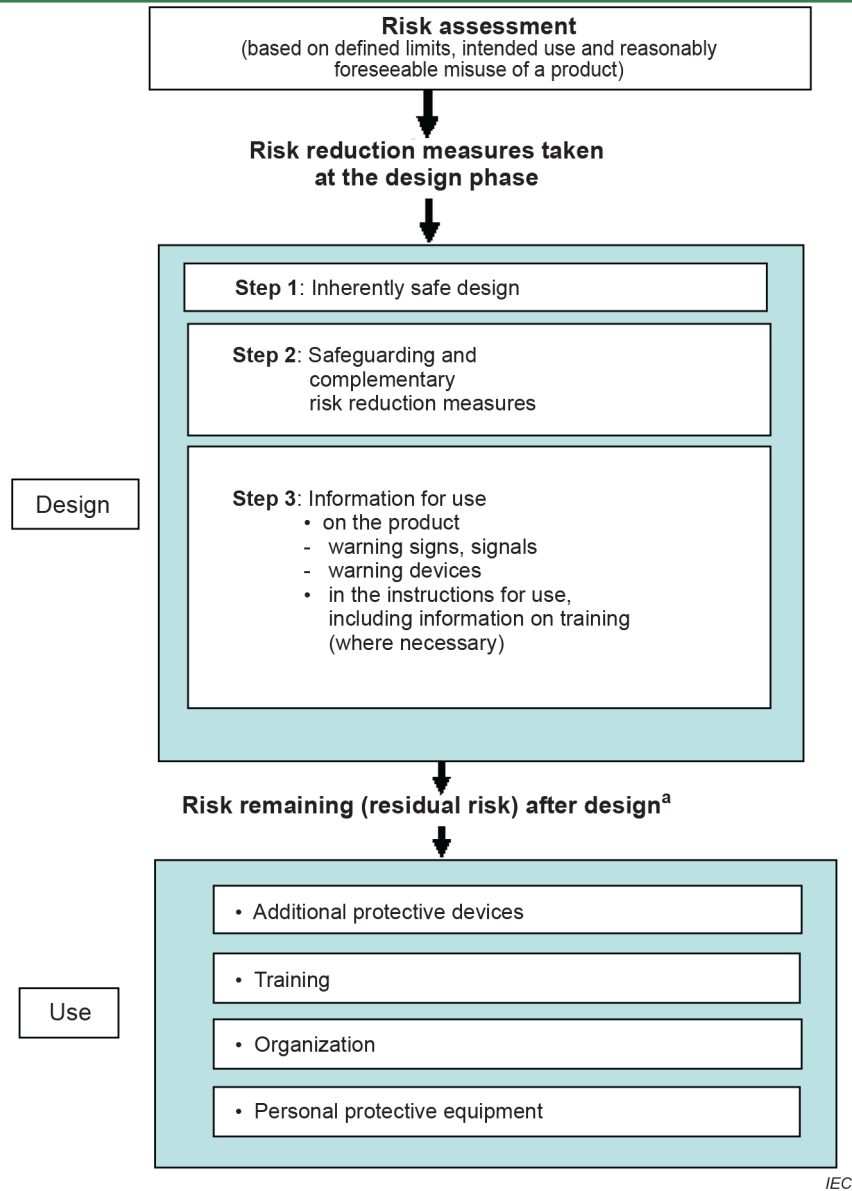


Figure 1 – Risk reduction as given in ISO/IEC Guide 51

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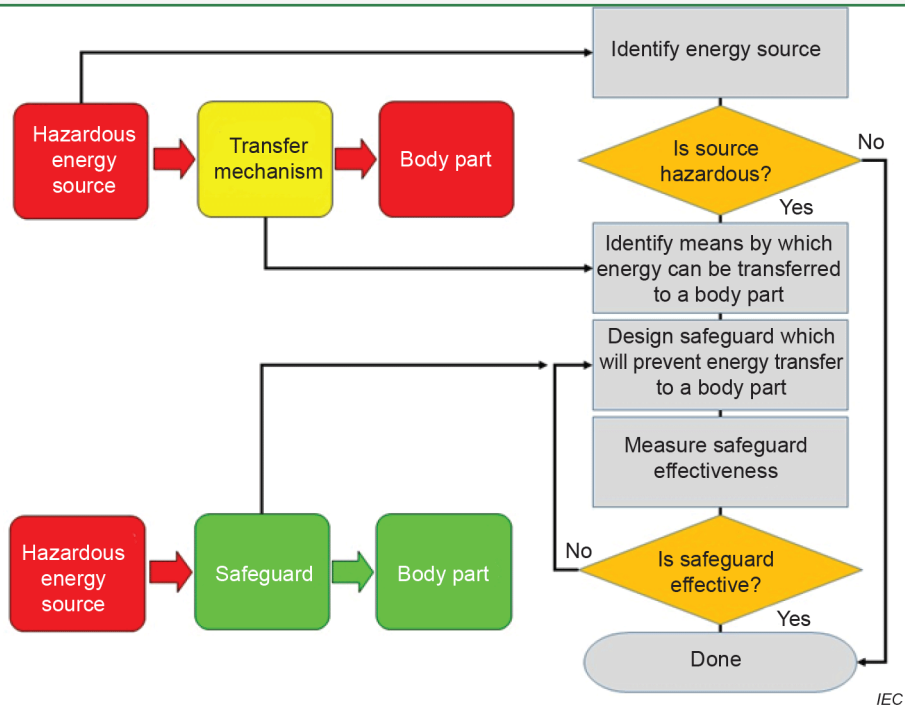


Figure 2 – HBSE Process Chart

0.5.7 Equipment safeguards during skilled person service conditions

Purpose: To explain the intent of requirements for providing **safeguards** against involuntary reaction.

Rationale: By definition, a **skilled person** has the education and experience to identify all class 3 energy sources to which he may be exposed. However, while servicing one class 3 energy source in one location, a **skilled person** may be exposed to another class 3 energy source in a different location.

In such a situation, either of two events is possible. First, something may cause an involuntary reaction of the **skilled person** with the consequences of contact with the class 3 energy source in the different location. Second, the space in which the **skilled person** is located may be small and cramped, and inadvertent contact with a class 3 energy source in the different location may be likely.

In such situations, this document may require an **equipment safeguard** solely for the protection of a **skilled person** while performing servicing activity.

1 Scope

Purpose: To identify the purpose and applicability of this document and the exclusions from the scope.

Rationale: The scope excludes requirements for functional safety. Functional safety is addressed in IEC 61508-1. Because the scope includes computers that may control safety systems, functional safety requirements would necessarily include requirements for computer processes and software.