

# Cyber attacks on Process Plants

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## A safe world

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# Misunderstandings and Where to start

Two projects fully done, one full project in progress.

Many smaller projects for specific processes

- Talking about misunderstandings encountered
- Talking about where to start

- **Understanding Cyber-hackers**

# A Corporate response

Cyber attack risks are a very complex subject .....




Like most things ...  
you **START** by doing!

*You cannot just be a  
headless chicken!*

# Which standard do I use?

There are too many different Cyber standards! ....



- Confused by the standards

*I won't decide and do nothing instead!*

Are you doing **PROCESS PLANT PROTECTION** or  
are you doing **OFFICE COMPUTER PROTECTIONS** ?

## Here's the simple version ....

**PROCESS PLANT PROTECTION** – use the **IEC 62443** group of standards

**OFFICE COMPUTER PROTECTION** – use the **ISO 27001** group of standards

You can actually use both!

## The available standards

*None of the standards are mature yet and it is actually early days for all of them*

There are two main groups of standards for cyber security and the government requirements

- ISO 27000 set of standards
- IEC 62443 set of standards
- Government requirements

In the UK the SRAM (what needs to be stated in a COMAH report) states OG0086 needs to be shown.

These actually overlap – *The clever thing is to limit what you apply and still cover everything that matters.*

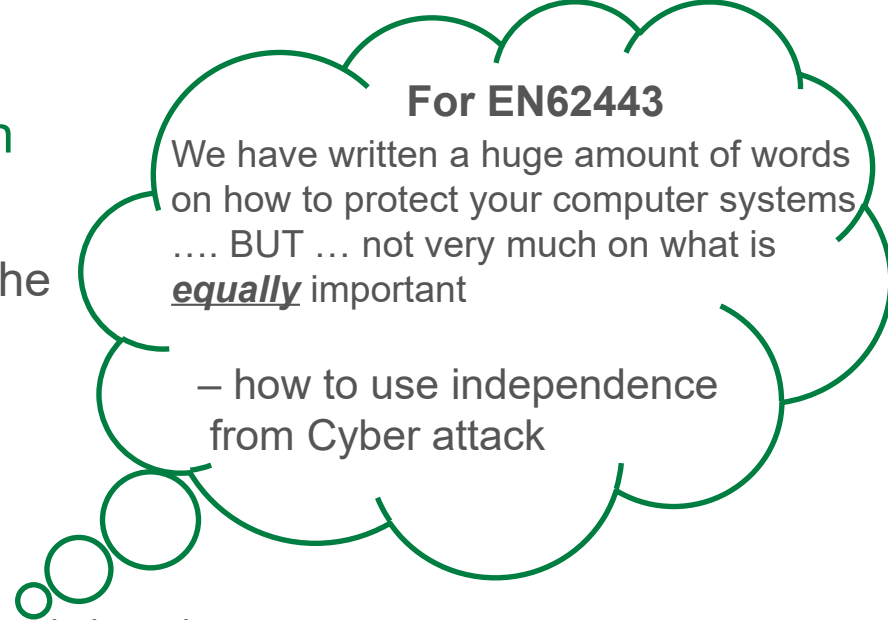
## Cyber Security – An effective approach

There are a number of standards and guidance documents all trying to achieve the same end.

The two main standards are the ISO standards and the IEC standards.

IEC62443 is now the European Norm

.....BUT..... *.....from the perspective of publicity people have been bombarded with the problem of protecting computers, an I.T. network and data highway.*



The truth is that the number of words in a standard is **NOT** proportional to how important the statement is.

We need **BOTH** barriers that are genuinely **INDEPENDENT** **and** barriers to protect the data highway.

We can make INDEPENDENT barriers robust.

For the data highway and computer barriers we can put protection in place as

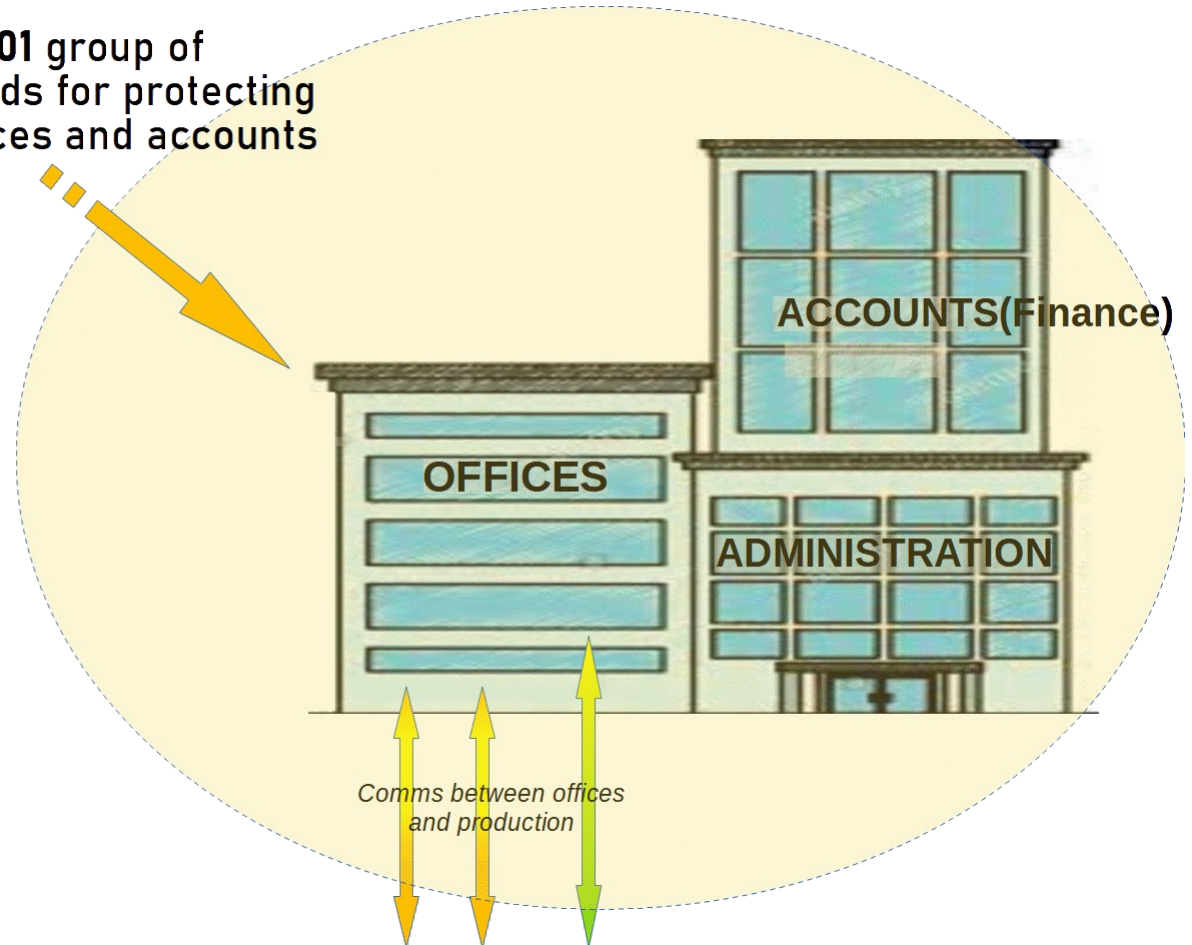
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# The ISO 27000 group of standards

ISO 27001 group of standards for protecting the offices and accounts

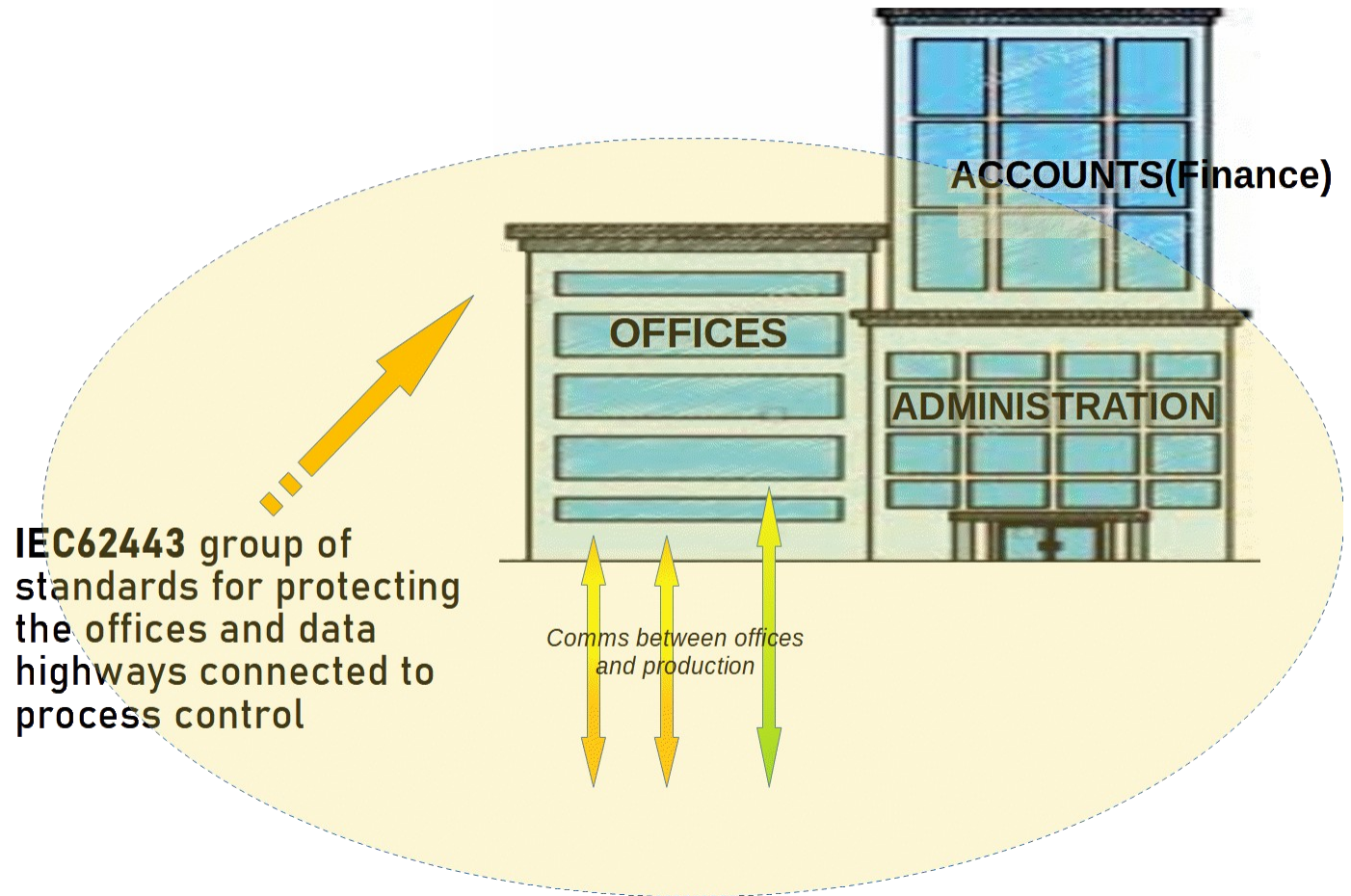
*There are sections within this ISO 27000 that can be made to cover more than this, but you risk going outside the standard.*



**Some company's corporate standards use the ISO 27000 series so they protect the accounts, the offices and the data highways going out to the process plant *but do not properly protect the process plant itself!***

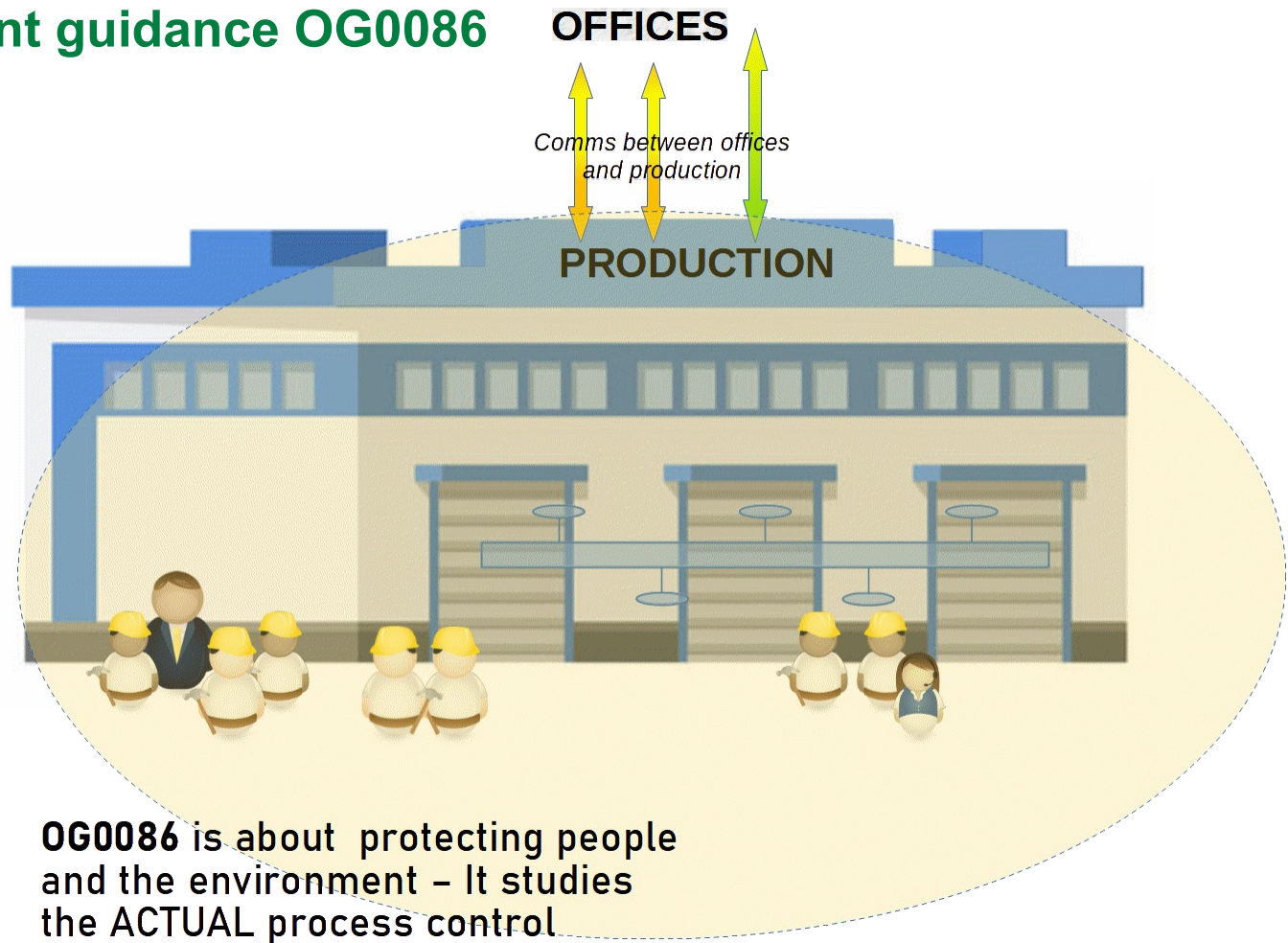


# The IEC 62443 group of standards



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# The Government guidance OG0086

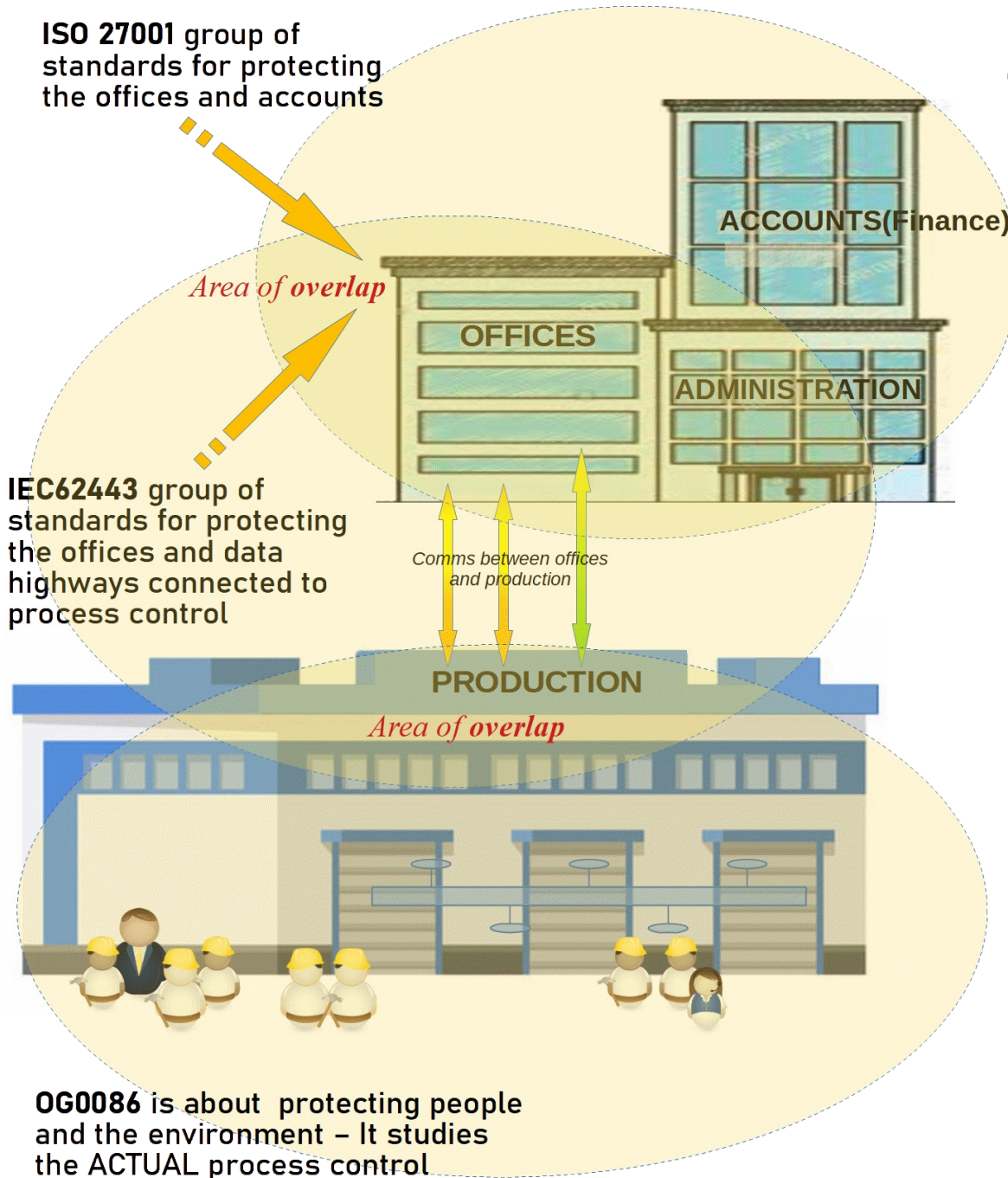


*Not surprisingly, the government document is about protecting people and the environment.*

*....and yet there are overlaps between all of these standards as shown below:*

ISO 27001 group of standards for protecting the offices and accounts

These standards overlap in parts



IEC62443 group of standards for protecting the offices and data highways connected to process control

Yet it is a waste of time and money trying to do them all

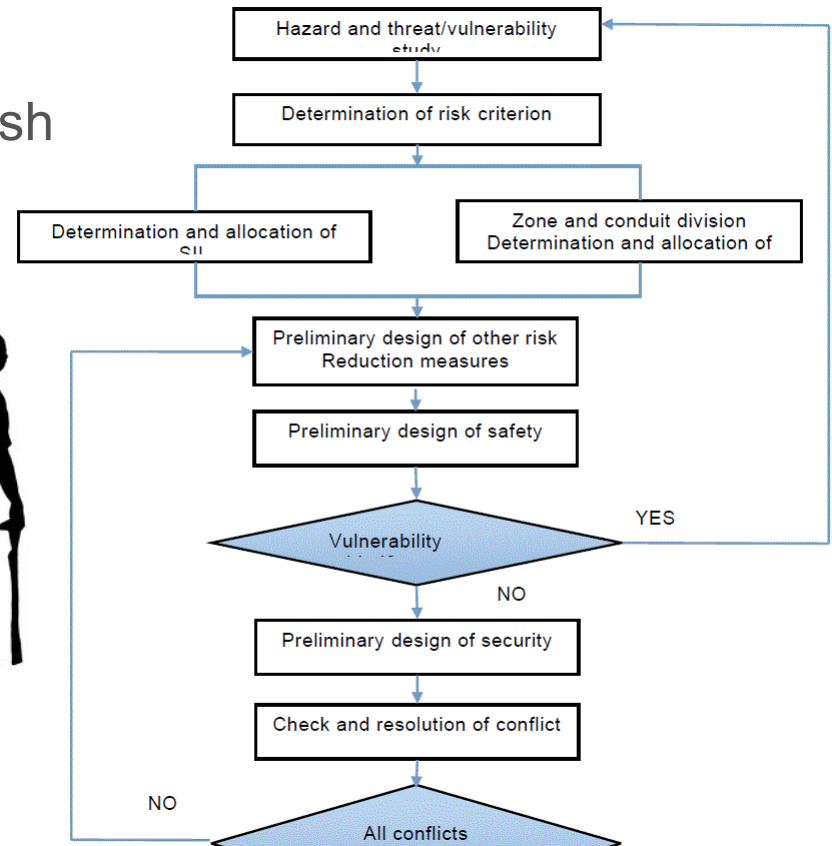
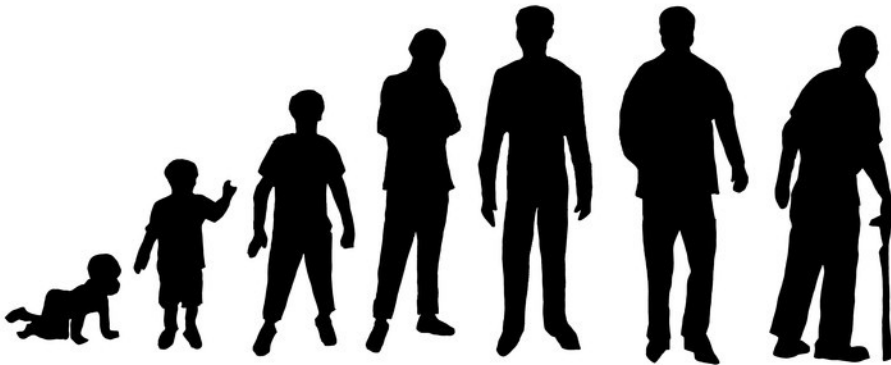
OG0086 is about protecting people and the environment – It studies the ACTUAL process control



# The lifecycle

*Start at the beginning of the lifecycle*

A lifecycle concept is from start to finish



*IEC63325 is to be published shortly and is the lifecycle for the IEC62443 Cyber standards for process plants*

# Where to start....

*We'll come to the question of "hierarchy" shortly .....*

1. Identify MAH caused by Cyber

MAH = MAJOR accident hazards

2. Identify the barriers and safeguards that prevent the MAH

Barriers = ISO17776 and COMAH language

Safeguards = HAZOP and IEC61882 language

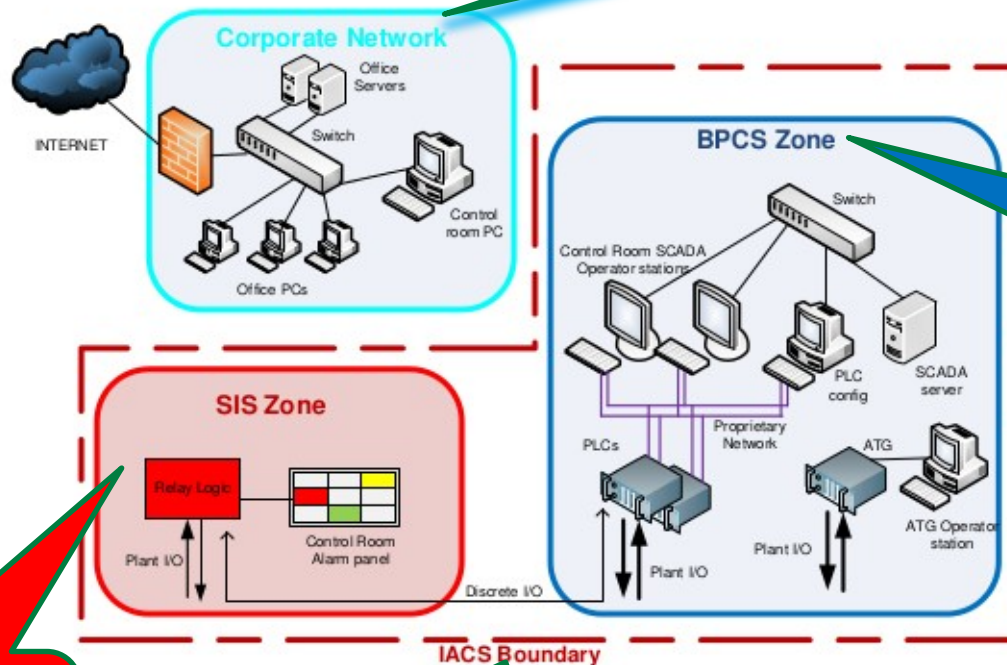
3. Collate the barriers and safeguards together into Zones to understand them holistically

“Zones” are NOT the barriers and safeguards

# OG0086 requires a diagram of the control network for the Cyber assessment

The HSE example includes:

Figure 2-1 Small Site



▪ Office computers and network

▪ Basic Process Control System (PLCs, DCS controllers etc)

▪ Safety Instrumented Systems

Industrial Automated Control system – The TOTAL plant control system

*This diagram is from the 1<sup>st</sup> edition*

# Identify MAH caused by Cyber

You CANNOT do just a HAZOP

....that isn't right at all

*Cyber attacks I/O*

*...but can attack multiple I/O.*

*Cyber causes MAH*

*...we protect against the MAH and  
NOT just the Cyber attack*

## Identify barriers and safeguards

Your risk assessment does want to list all the barriers and safeguards that prevent the MAH

....INCLUDE the barriers and safeguards you already have and label them CYBER CRITICAL

...INCLUDE existing Cyber protections like firewalls and improve them

...**significantly!**

# Identify barriers and safeguards that prevent the MAH and keep us safe

If the barriers and safeguards have a COMMON basis, then any cyber hacker that attacks that common basis can get through every barrier and safeguard that you have.

**It is NOT the quantity of barriers and safeguards that matter ....**

**What matters is that all the barriers and safeguards are different, and that some barriers are genuinely independent of the computer systems.**



## DIVERSITY

You CANNOT do just a HAZOP  
....that isn't right at all

....the number of words in a standard is NOT proportional to how important the statement is.

OG0086 states:

No single security countermeasure provides absolute protection as new threats and vulnerabilities can be identified at any time. To reduce these risks, implementing multiple protection measures in series, i.e. defence in depth, avoids single point failures.

OG0086 also states: OG0086 has a section requiring DIVERSITY of barriers and safeguards

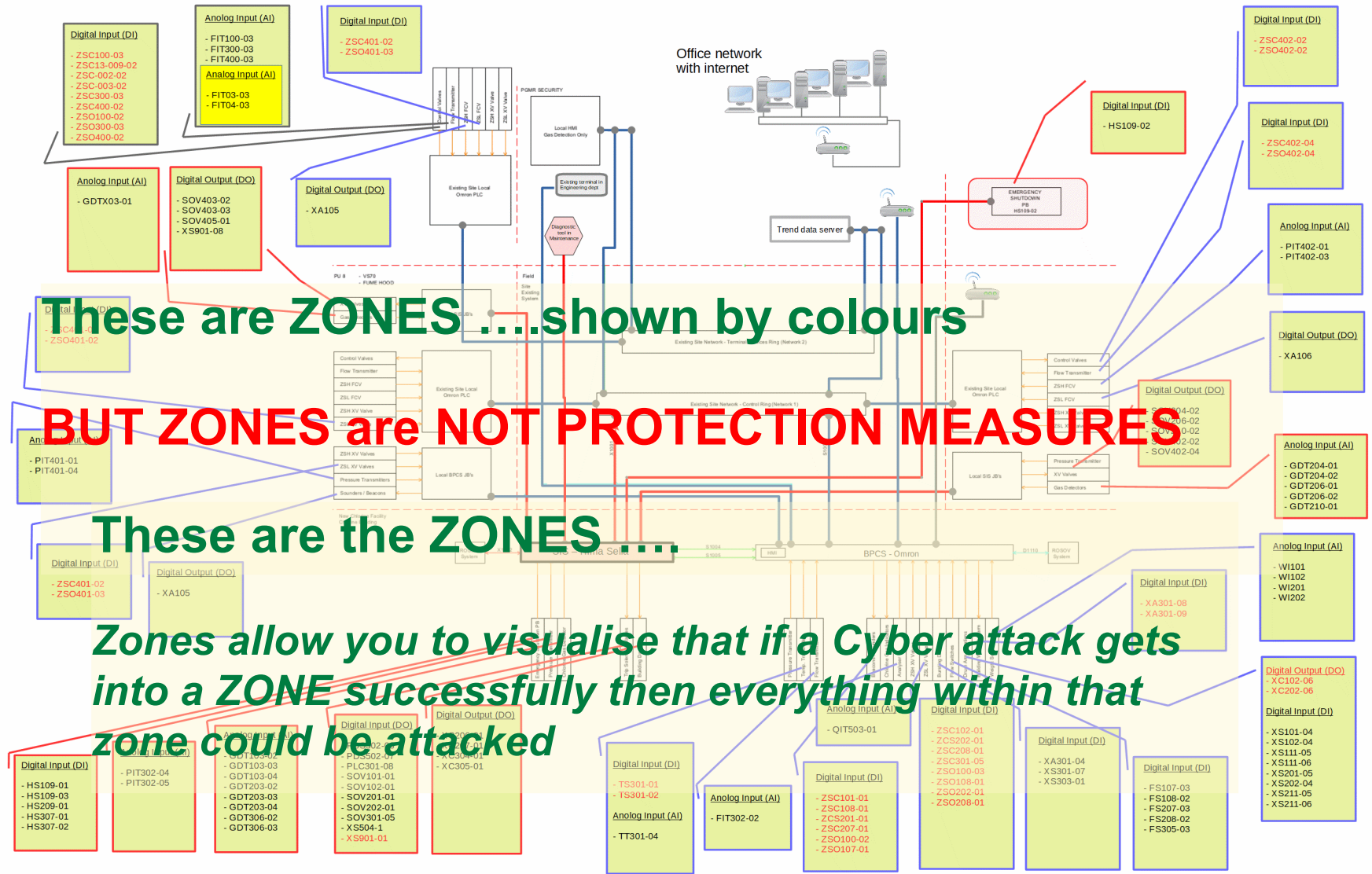
As the SIS normally contains significant risk reduction control measures, it is usually appropriate to apply stronger controls to the SIS than the rest of the IACS.

CYBER CRITICAL **SIL rating** of INDEPENDENT barriers and safeguards is also needed

.... We need BOTH barriers that are genuinely INDEPENDENT and barriers to protect the data highway

For OG0086 transform the diagram into this:

This diagram matches the requirements from OG0086



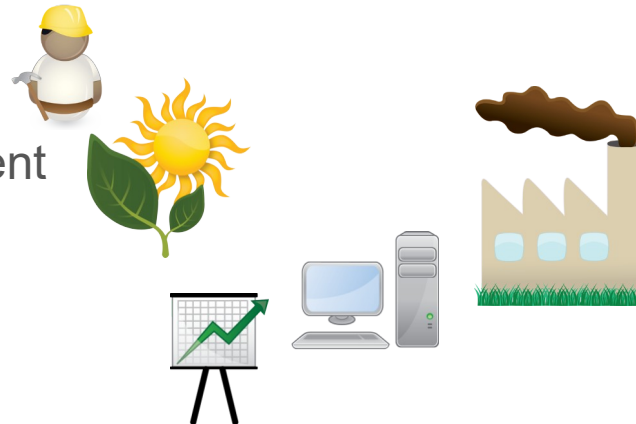
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## What the DEKRA approach offers

The **DEKRA CyberSafe PS** system provides a systematic process for clearly defining safeguards that require controls (cyber-security) to prevent remote access.

The **DEKRA CyberSafe PS** approach guides clients through protection for:

- You choose* {
- People
  - The environment
  - Assets



In the end you must have the right balance between:

**INDEPENDENT** barriers and  
computer and data highway **PROTECTION**

# You need to go through protection for:

People and the environment ....not just money

*You choose*

- People  = essential.

OG0086 states:

Key issues that are specific to cyber security of IACS are: ..... recognising that people are one of, if not the most, significant vulnerability.

- The environment  = second essential.

OG0086 also states:

CA / HSE regulated major hazard workplaces where cyber- security could pose a major accident risk to the health and / or safety of employees and / or members of the public and / or environment.

- Assets = optional.



# Cyber SIL assessment

The same report shows Cyber-SIL ratings needed.

Note that the requirement to address cyber security threats for SIS in clause 8.2.4 of **BS EN 61511** (edition 2)

There is NOT enough data to do a quantitative SIL assessment.

You can only do a qualitative SIL assessment.

*...be prepared to update it from time to time.*



360° CYBER SECURITY

Safety Requirements Allocation Screening Tool



Residual Risk Assessment for the IEC61508 group of standards  
Risk graph designed and calibrated in accordance with IEC61511 Part 3 (Edition 2 2016-07) Annex I

LOPA Residual Risk assessment for risks to employees and authorized-contractors

Consequence		N+1	N+3	N+10	N+30	N+U	O+1	O+3	O+10	O+30	O+U	M+1	M+3	M+10	M+		
C1 Serious injury to 1-9 people See below	F1	Rwa1	1	1	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Rwa2	2	1	1	+	+	1	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	
	F2	Rwa1	2	2	1	1	+	1	1	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	
		Rwa2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	+	+	1	+	+	+	
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		Rwa2	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	+	
C3 Death to 1 person Or LTA to 10		F1	Rwa1	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	+	1	1	+	+
			Rwa2	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	+
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The likelihood is NOT the same as conventional LOPA SIL assessments.

The addition of two SIL rated SIFs to achieve the specified value is also different to conventional SIL rated systems – but is NOT complicated, *just different!*

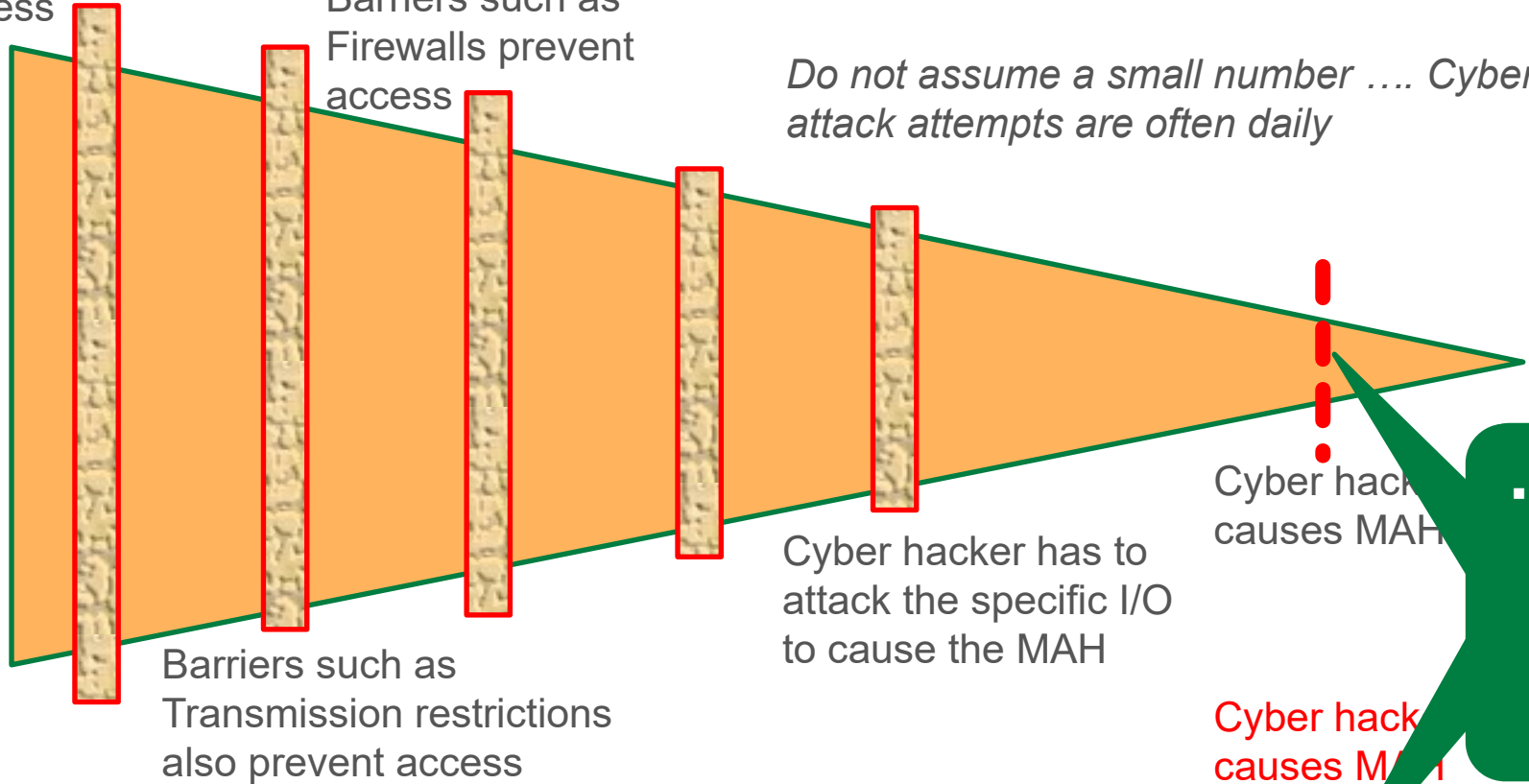


# Likelihood

Barriers such as  
Firewalls prevent  
access

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*Do not assume a small number .... Cyber  
attack attempts are often daily*



Barriers such as  
Transmission restrictions  
also prevent access

Cyber hacker has to  
attack the specific I/O  
to cause the MAH

Cyber hacker  
causes MAH

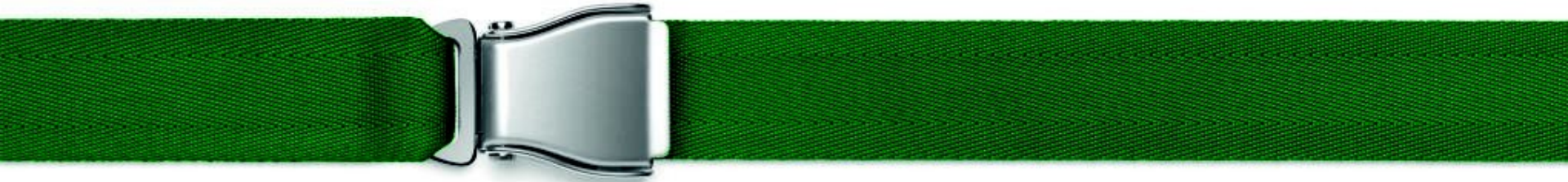
- Almost the same number of attacks !

Cyber hacker  
causes MAH

**VIRUSES etc** – The Cyber attacker has no idea when they will “phone home” .... BUT

Much more effective  
when they do

# Thank you!



MISSION  
**SAFETY**



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