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# Product harm potential

Addiction Ontology

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**Definition:** A product disposition that is realised as harm processes resulting from its use.

**Informal definition:** The potential for use of a product to cause harm.

**Comment:** This entity is only meaningful when operationalised in terms of whether the harm is per individual user, per person or thing being harmed, or whether it is in a population, and the harm itself is defined and operationalised. If the harm being referred to is harm to health, this must be specified.

*This definition was imported from the Addiction Ontology (see <https://addictovocab.org/>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.*

*Definitions imported from the Addiction Ontology (AddictO) are what are known as 'ontological definitions'. See this article in Qeios for an explanation <https://www.qeios.com/read/YGIF9B>.*

*Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.*

*Definitions also often require elaboration to make it clear how they should be used and what they include. In those cases we include a comment.*

*Also, definitions sometimes require an explanation as to how they came about to help users understand how they relate to alternative definitions. In those cases we include a curator note.*

