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# Intentionality

Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO)

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**Definition:** A behavioural attribute that is the extent to which the behaviour is caused by a behavioural intention.

**Informal definition:** How far a behaviour is enacted as a direct result of a conscious intention to enact it.

**Comment:** This class is a dimension and is differentiated from reflectiveness because a behaviour may be fully intentional but involve little reflective thought, e.g., when driving carelessly. In this class the intention relates to the behaviour itself. If a person intends to do one thing but accidentally does something else it does not count as intentional in this class, e.g., if someone intends to injure someone else and ends up killing them, that would not count as intentionally killing them.

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

*Definitions imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO) 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.*