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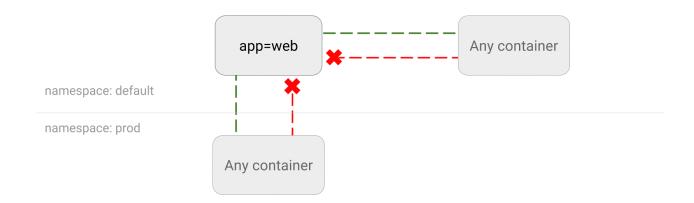
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A network policy is a specification of how groups of pods are allowed to communicate with each other and other network endpoints. Network Policy resources use labels to select pods and define rules which specify what traffic is allowed to the selected pods. To apply a Network Policy definition in a Kubernetes cluster, the network plugin must support Network Policy. Otherwise, any rules that you apply are useless. Examples of network plugins that support Network Policy include Calico, Cilium, Kube-router, Romana, and Weave Net.

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Do you need a NetworkPolicy resource defined in your cluster? The default Kubernetes policy allows pods to receive traffic from anywhere (these are referred to as non-isolated pods). So unless you are in a development environment, you'll certainly need a NetworkPolicy in place.

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