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- A security policy is a formal statement of the rules by which people who are given access to an organization's technology and information assets must abide (RFC 2196, Site Security Handbook)

# How Does It Work?

- An organization's security policy
  - Specifies what security properties their information systems must provide
  - Defines both system properties and the security responsibilities of people
  - Can be described in various means of expression
  - Should not contradict law (e.g., real-world security policies)
  - Provides a basis to resolve any later conflicts that may arise
- The objective varies according to the goals and operational environments



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