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IEC 61508-4	1998	Functional safety electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems -- Part 4: Definitions and abbreviations	of EN 61508-4	2001
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Technical Report is to introduce the concept of functional safety and to give an overview of the IEC 61508 series of standards.

You should read it if you are:

- wondering whether IEC 61508 applies to you,
- involved in the development of electrical, electronic or programmable electronic systems which may have safety implications, or
- drafting any other standard where functional safety is a relevant factor.

Clause 3 of this document gives an informal definition of functional safety, describes the relationship between safety functions, safety integrity and safety-related systems, gives an example of how functional safety requirements are derived, and lists some of the challenges in achieving functional safety in electrical, electronic or programmable electronic systems. Clause 4 gives details of IEC 61508, which provides an approach for achieving functional safety. The clause describes the standard's objectives, technical approach and parts framework. It explains that IEC 61508 can be applied as is to a large range of industrial applications and yet also provides a basis for many other standards.

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