

Guardrail decision record

A proposed worksheet to choose and maintain a justified check

Owner

Date / review point

Failure and check

Trigger, faulty/corrected behavior, reproduction evidence, proposed protection and coverage limits.

Protected contract

Workflow boundary and population, completion promise, correctness and failure cases.

Passing boundary

Assertion or limit, rationale, supporting data and variation, window, incomplete attempts and inconclusive rule.

Scope and reuse

Local/team/platform, consumers, compatibility evidence and wider-scope gaps.

Response and rollout

Action/recipient/triage, initial exposure, expansion or stop conditions, and rollback where relevant.

Cost and trust

Execution, upkeep and support cost; false-alarm evidence/review; fixture failures.

Ownership and review

Named maintainer, consumer duties, tracking item, and review date or triggers.

Retirement and decision

Removal/replacement conditions, replacement coverage evidence, remaining risk; adopt/revise/defer/gather evidence; next owner/action.

Keep unknowns explicit. Adapt this worksheet to your system.

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Full guide: <https://steveleggett.dev/writing/after-the-fix-choose-the-guardrails-scope>