

INTERPERSONAL PHYSICAL DISTANCE

- In social situations, human beings like to maintain a certain physical distance from the person with whom they are interacting. This is called interpersonal physical distance.
- It is a part of broader concept called personal space. It refers to the comfortable physical space one generally likes to maintain around oneself.
- Personal space can vary between people, between situations and settings, and between cultures.

Edward Hall mentioned four types of Interpersonal Physical Distance

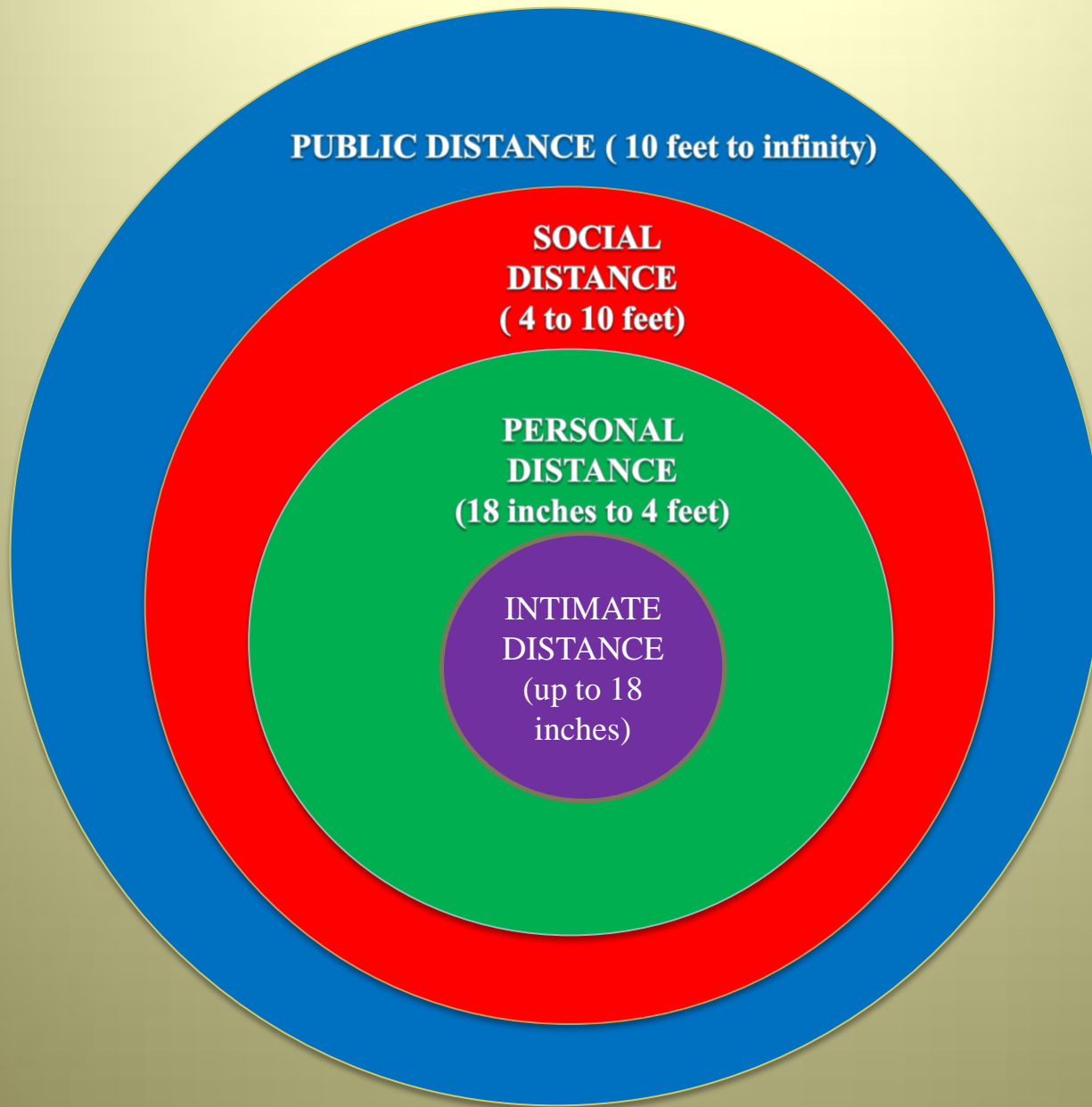
1. Intimate Distance (up to 18 inches) : The distance you maintain when you are talking privately to someone, or interacting with a very close friend or relative.

2. Personal Distance(18 inches to 4 feet): The distance you maintain when you are interacting one-to-one with a close friend, relative, or even with someone not very close to you.

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3. Social Distance (4 to 10 feet) : The distance you maintain when the interaction is formal, and not close.

4. Public Distance (10 feet to infinity) : The distance you maintain in a formal setting , where there is a large number of persons. For example; the distance of an audience from a public speaker, or a teacher in a classroom.



Types of Interpersonal Physical Distance