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Healthcare <u>organizations</u> are increasingly investing in promoting <u>culture of safety</u> to improve patient safety outcomes but few, if any, regulations exist influencing safety culture in healthcare. In a review of how regulators influence safety culture in several high-reliability fields, the authors identified six relationships between regulators and safety behavior and accidents. If healthcare regulators are to successfully influence safety culture in healthcare, attention must be paid to each relationship.