

# EDGE: Barrier Identification Canvas

*Find the friction. Solve what's stalling progress before it spreads.*

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## Purpose

The Barrier Identification Canvas helps teams proactively identify and address what's blocking progress. It enables structured conversations around real execution challenges — from systems and process issues to behavioral or resource constraints. Used regularly, it turns frustration into focused problem-solving.

## When to Use

Use this tool during project kickoffs, team check-ins, or execution reviews. It works well as a group exercise or as part of a readiness or recovery workshop when delivery is lagging or resistance is high.

## How to Use This Tool

1. Frame a specific initiative, process, or decision point that's underperforming.
2. In a group setting, ask team members to identify barriers across the key categories
3. Capture the barriers on sticky notes or in a shared template.
4. Group themes and prioritize 2–3 to resolve. Assign action owners.

## Barriers Identification Canvas

Structural	Cultural	Behavioral	Systems	External
Workflow	Mindset	Skills	Tolls	Supply
Governance	Buy-In	Ownership	Access	Regulations
Policy	Trust	Habits	Environment	Environment

## Optional Output

A barrier resolution backlog or action plan with assigned owners and target timelines — reviewed weekly or biweekly until resolved.