

precarious[prɪ'ke(ə)rɪəs] *a*

- ненадёжный; сомнительный, случайный
precarious inference - сомнительный вывод
to make a precarious living - жить случайными доходами; кое-как перебиваться
- рискованный, опасный
precarious life - жизнь, полная опасности /риска/
precarious foothold - ненадёжная /непрочная, шаткая/ опора
precarious state of health - здоровье, внушающее опасения
to be in a precarious situation - быть в опасном положении
- необоснованный
precarious argument [assumption] - необоснованный довод [-ое предположение]
- юр.* отзывной
precarious possession - владение до востребования, отзывное владение

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pre-car-i-ous *BrE* [prɪ'keəriəs] ^m *NAmE* [prɪ'kerəriəs] ^m **adjective**

- (of a situation) not safe or certain; dangerous
 - He earned a precarious living as an artist.
 - The museum is in a financially precarious position.
 - The world is a precarious and unstable place.
- likely to fall or cause sb to fall
 - That ladder looks very precarious.
 - The path down to the beach is very precarious in wet weather.

Derived Words ↑precariously ▫ ↑precariousness

Word Origin:[**precarious** **precariously** **precariousness**] mid 17th cent.: from Latin **precarius** 'obtained by entreaty' (from **prex**, **prec-** 'prayer') + **-ous**.Example Bank:

- They have a somewhat precarious existence.

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: precarius 'got by asking, uncertain']

- a precarious situation or state is one which may very easily or quickly become worse:

- Her health remained precarious, despite the treatment.
- the company's precarious financial position

- likely to fall, or likely to cause someone to fall:

- a precarious mountain trail

—**precariously** *adverb*:

- a cup of tea balanced precariously on her knee

—**precariousness** *noun* [uncountable]**precarious**

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