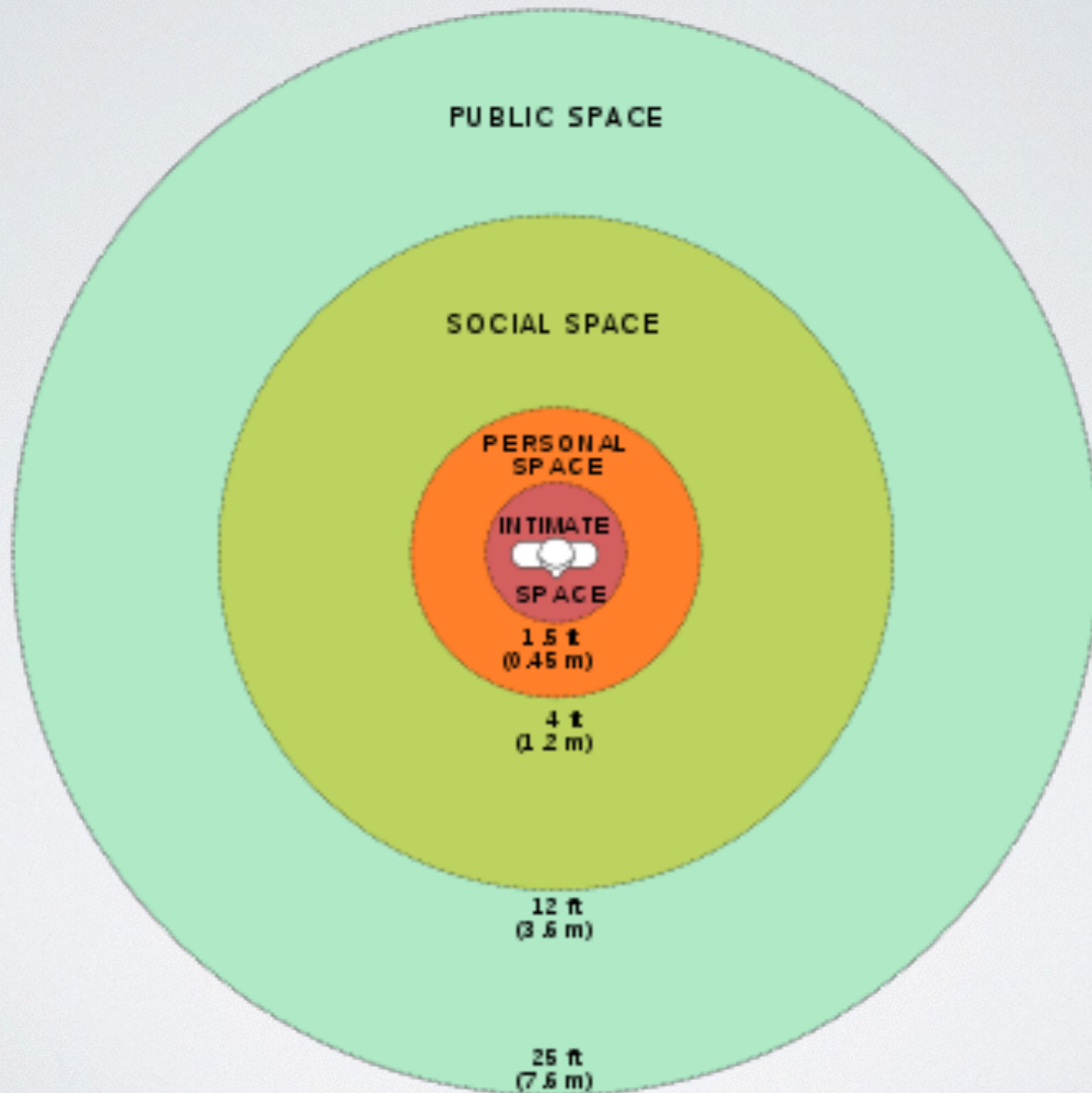


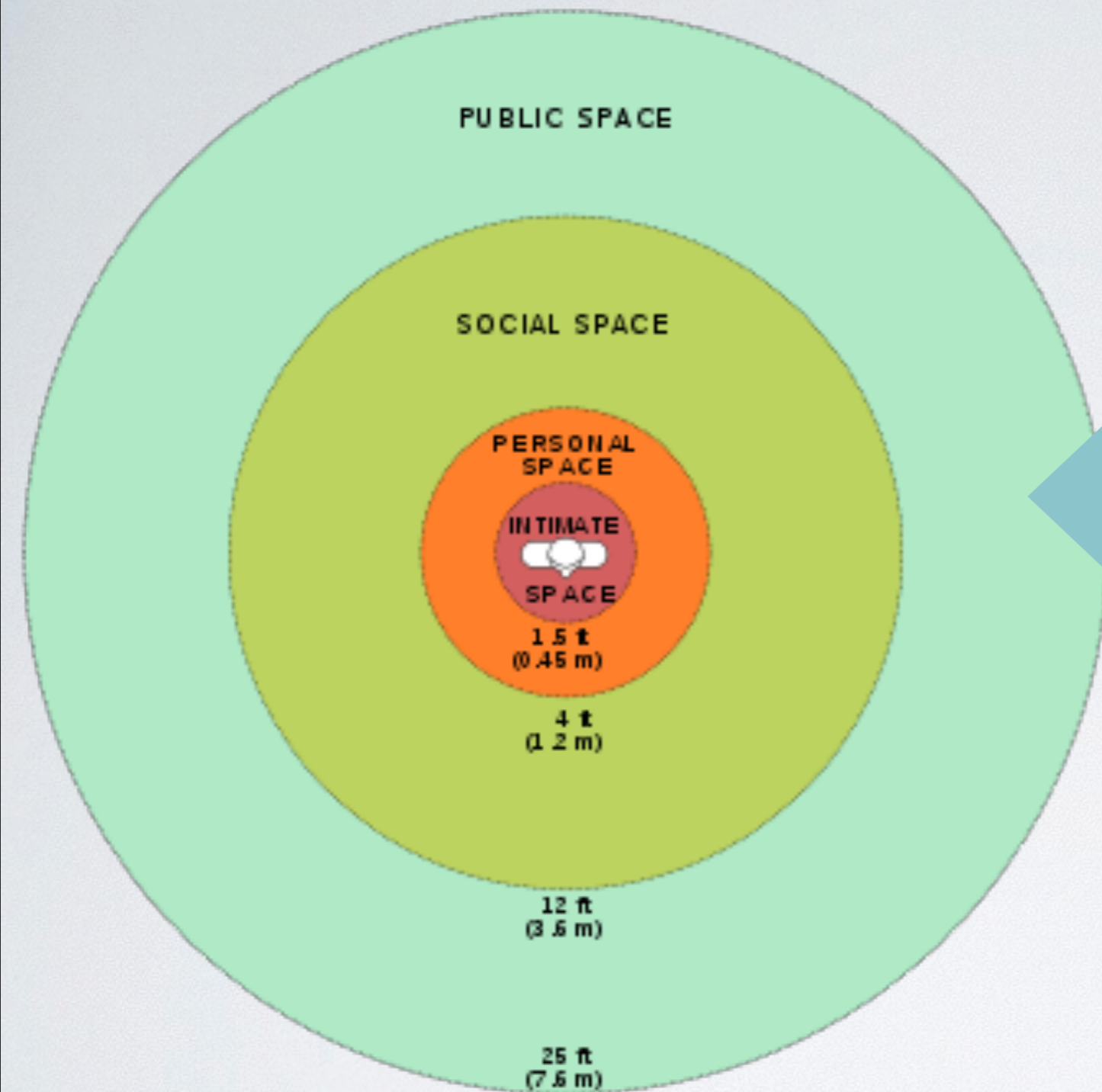
DIAGRAM OF EDWARD T. HALL'S **PERSONAL REACTION BUBBLES** (1966),
SHOWING RADIUS IN FEET



Personal Space: *Public Distance*

Anything more than 8 feet away.

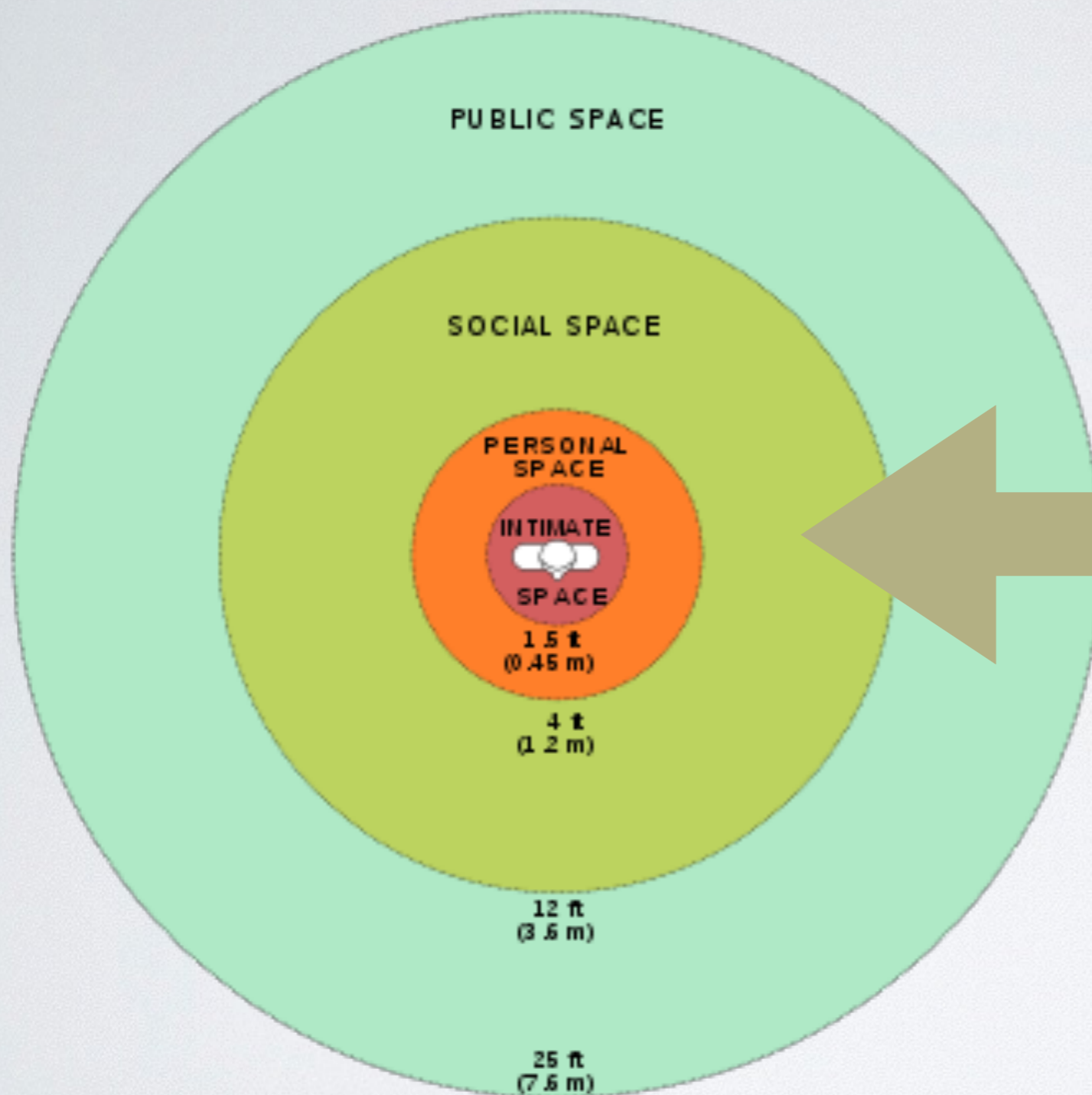
This space is used for presenters giving speeches to large audiences, and theater.



Personal Space: *Social Distance*

4 to 8 feet away from
the person.

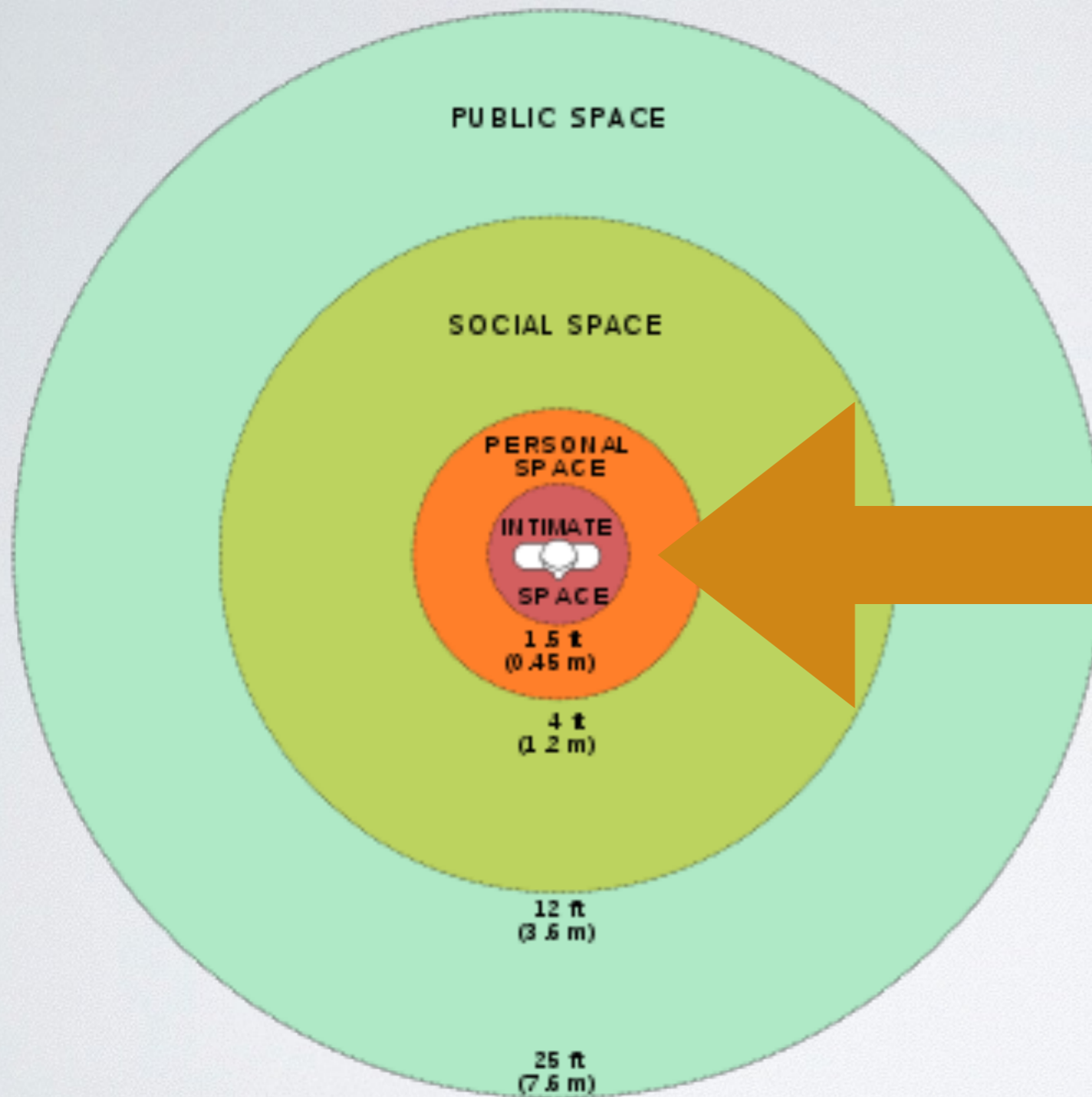
This space is used with
strangers, newly
formed groups, and
people you just met.



Personal Space: *Your Bubble*

Personal distance begins about an arm's length away; 18 inches from the person to about 4 feet away.

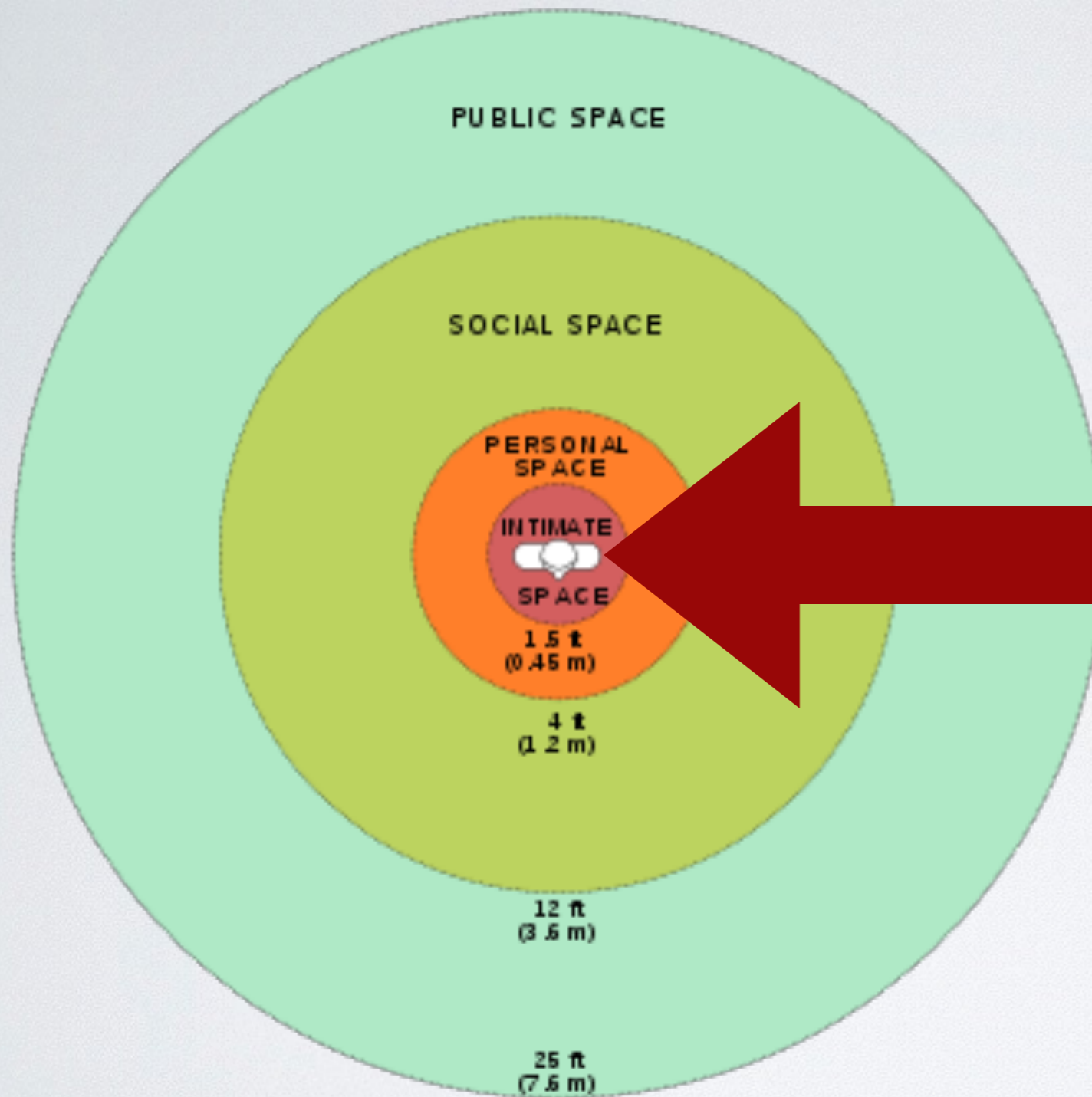
This space is used in conversations with friends, and in group discussions.



Personal Space: *Intimate Distance*

From touching to about 18 inches apart.

Intimate distance is reserved for people closest to you, like family members and very close friends.



PERSONAL SPACE

Personal space is different from culture to culture.

Americans tend to require more personal space than other cultures.

Many cultures are more hands-on.

For example, in many countries people greet each other with a quick kiss on each cheek. Americans usually shake hands when greeting somebody they don't know very well.

In collaborative situations, sitting very close (your knees just inches from collaborator's knees) can improve communication.

Crowded places can be uncomfortable for people who value their personal space. If you try to get too close during your conversation, the other person may try to back away, a signal to you that you should increase your personal space.

PUBLIC SPACE



SOCIAL SPACE



PERSONAL SPACE



INTIMATE



1.5 ft
(0.45 m)

4 ft
(1.2 m)

12 ft
(3.6 m)

25 ft
(7.6 m)

Collaboration

