

Toolbox Talk

64. Safety Signs



What?

- Signs are displayed around the premises to help you understand the action which needs to be taken in particular situations
- Safety signs play an important part in preventing accidents and these signs now conform to standard colours, shapes and symbols

There are four basic types:

- A blue circle symbol indicates MANDATORY ACTION - 'you must do'
- A red circular outline with red bar indicates PROHIBITION - 'do not do'
- A yellow triangle indicates CAUTION – 'warning of danger'
- A green square indicates INFORMATION – 'safe conditions'.

Why?

- The reason why these signs are displayed is to warn you about a risk, stop you doing something or give you advice on what to do in a particular situation. Following the signs will help you avoid injury or ill-health problems



Do



- ✓ Take note of the signs where you work
- ✓ Familiarise yourself with what they mean and do what they tell you to do
- ✓ Encourage others to take heed of the signs
- ✓ Place signs where they can be seen
- ✓ Replace any signs which are faded or damaged

Don't



- ✗ Simply walk past signs
- ✗ Ignore what they mean or expect
- ✗ Remove or damage signs (e.g. graffiti)
- ✗ Change or move signs without authorisation



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