



## Safety Signs and Signals

The Safety Signs and Signals Regulations 1996 apply to signs, which give a health or safety message by use of geometrical shape, colour and pictorial symbol, with or without any supplementary text. All signs of this kind must conform. Signs should generally follow the criteria shown below

Colour	Meaning or purpose	Instructions and information
Red	Prohibition sign	Dangerous behaviour
	Danger alarm	Stop, shutdown, emergency cut out devices Evacuate
	Fire-fighting equipment	Identification and location
Yellow or Amber	Warning Sign	Be careful, take precautions Examine
Blue	Mandatory sign	Specific behaviour or action Wear personal protective equipment
Green	Emergency escape, first aid sign	Doors, exits, routes, equipment, facilities
	No danger	Return to normal

### Signboards to be used

#### **Prohibitory signs**

### Intrinsic features

Round shape; black pictogram on white background, red edging and diagonal line (the red part to take up at least 35% of the area of the sign).

#### **Warning signs**

Triangular shape; black pictogram on a yellow background with black edging (the yellow part to take up at least 50% of the area of the sign).

#### **Mandatory signs**

Round shape; white pictogram on a blue background (the blue part to take up at least 50% of the area of the sign).

#### **Emergency escape or first-aid signs**

Rectangular or square shape; white pictogram on a green background (the green part to take up at least 50% of the area of the sign).

#### **Fire-fighting signs**

Rectangular or square shape; white pictogram on a red background (the red part to take up at least 50% of the area of the sign).

For further information on the design and supply of safety signs, refer to the 1996 Regulations. Appropriate suppliers' catalogues such as "Signs & Labels" and other reputable suppliers to the trade will also prove helpful.