

THE LEXICON OF SAFETY SIGN DESIGNS



Safety signs come in all shapes, colours and sizes – and with a variety of signal words, too. “Warning” and “Danger” may seem interchangeable, but they actually are intended to communicate very different messages.

How do you know which safety sign design, signal words and colours are correct for the message you want to communicate? Here’s what you need to know:

SIGNAL WORDS

The Australian Standard assign signal words to hazardous situations based on a combination of these two factors:

1. Severity of the potential injury or damage
2. The likelihood of it happening

AS 1319—1994 AUSTRALIAN STANDARD: Safety Signs For The Occupational Environment

The Australian Standard sets out the requirements for the design and use of safety signs intended for use in the occupational environment. These signs are designed to regulate and control safety related behaviour, to warn of hazards and to provide emergency information including fire protection information.

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CHOOSING THE RIGHT SIGN:

DANGER

Most extreme hazardous situations



USE FOR

Marking an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

Could Kill You



DESIGN

The Danger symbol is in a red oval shape, white text against a black rectangular box, with a white background.

Hazard Sign

WARNING

Severely hazardous situations



USE FOR

Marking a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in serious injury.

Could Hurt You



DESIGN

Hazard symbol is black on a yellow background with a black triangle around it. Sign wording, if necessary, is in black lettering.

Hazard Sign

PROHIBITION

Actions that are not permitted



USE FOR

Specify behaviour or actions which are not permitted. E.g. No Smoking

Can't Do



DESIGN

Annulus and slash is depicted in red over the action symbol in black. Sign wording, if necessary, is in black lettering on a white background.

Regulatory Sign

MANDATORY

Instructions that must be carried out



USE FOR

Communicating important information and instructions that must be carried out. E.g. Eye Protection Must be Worn

Must Do



DESIGN

Symbols (or pictograms) are depicted in white on a blue circular background. Sign wording, if necessary, is in black lettering on a white background.

Regulatory Sign

EMERGENCY

Safety instructions



USE FOR

Indicating the location of, or directions to emergency related facilities. E.g. Exit Signs, First Aid Signs



DESIGN

Feature a white symbol and/or text on a green background.

FIRE

Safety instructions



USE FOR

Advising the location of fire alarms and fire fighting equipment. E.g. Fire Extinguisher



DESIGN

Contain a white symbol and/or text on a red background.

