







# Non-chemical safety signs and symbols

The *Health & Safety (Safety Signs & Signals) Regulations* define what the law requires. There is some additional information in the British/International Standard, BS ISO 7010:2011, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours & safety signs – Registered Safety Signs*.

Safety signs which are **circular** are **mandatory** (you **MUST**) or **prohibitory** (you **MUST NOT**).

- **Mandatory** signs have a white pictogram on a *blue* background;
- **Prohibitory** signs have a black pictogram on a *white* background, with *red* edging and diagonal line.















	<b>YOU MUST WEAR EYE PROTECTION</b>		<b>YOU MUST NOT HAVE NAKED FLAMES</b>
	<b>YOU MUST WEAR PROTECTIVE GLOVES</b>		<b>YOU MUST NOT DRINK WATER FROM THIS TAP</b>
	<b>YOU MUST WASH YOUR HANDS</b>		<b>YOU MUST NOT PUT WATER ON A FIRE</b>

If there is no standard sign available you can design your own but it must conform to the general principles and must have a sign board that explains it in words.

	<b>You MUST do this ...</b>		<b>You must NOT do this ...</b>
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**Other signs** give advice or information.

- **Hazard information** signs are triangular and have a *yellow* background
- **Emergency** and **first aid** signs have a white pictogram on a *green* rectangle
- **Fire-fighting** signs have a white pictogram on a *red* rectangle

	<b>RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK</b>		<b>DANGER</b> (needs a signboard to spell out type of danger)
	<b>RADIOACTIVE</b>		<b>BIOHAZARD</b>
	<b>COLD</b>		<b>TOXIC</b> (not on a chemical container, eg seeds)
	<b>LASER RADIATION</b>		<b>STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD</b>
	<b>FIRST AID</b>		<b>FIRE EXIT ROUTE</b>
	<b>EYE WASH STATION</b>		<b>ELECTRICAL CUT-OFF</b>
	<b>FIRE EXTINGUISHER</b>		<b>FIRE BLANKET</b>