Non-chemical safety signs and symbols

The *Health and Safety* (*Safety Signs and 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 and 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.

	You MUST wear eye protection.		**You MUST NOT have naked flames.**
	You MUST wear protective gloves.		**You MUST NOT drink water from this tap.**
	You MUST wash your hands		**You MUST NOT put water on a fire**

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.

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
- **Firefighting** signs have a white pictogram on a *red* rectangle

	RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK		**DANGER** (needs a signboard to spell out the type of danger)
	RADIOACTIVE		**BIOHAZARD**
	COLD		**TOXIC** (not on a chemical container, eg seeds)
	LASER BEAM		**STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD**
	FIRST AID		**FIRE EXIT ROUTE**
	EYE WASH STATION		**ELECTRICAL CUTOFF**
	FIRE EXTINGUISHER		**FIRE BLANKET**

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