

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.

	You MUST do this...		You MUST NOT do this...
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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
- **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