

Safety Signs are crucial in any work environment.

The primary importance of displaying safety signs is to remind people of potential hazards:

- They point people to the location of emergency equipment
- They direct people what route to take in an emergency.
- They reinforce your safety training programs
- They also Inform people of security and limited access policies

Your safety sign system is “a sign” of your company’s safety culture.

Taken together, your sign system can visually demonstrate that you care for the health and safety of your employees.

Safety signs should communicate hazards and actions without the need for words.

Graphic symbols or pictograms are used to bridge language barriers and draw attention to the sign, making it stand out from all other posted signage that people see on a daily basis.

Let’s talk about choosing the signs to suit your application.

SECURITY SIGNS

These type of signs define access rules to certain areas of a property or facility. Many security and company policies go unnoticed because they’re text-based and fail to stand out. New, best practice signs use eye-catching graphical symbols that are seen and understood at a glance

General policy signs

These kind of signs inform and remind people of a company’s expectations for safe behavior.

Mandatory signs

These signs specify an instruction that must be carried out. These signs typically feature symbols that are shown in white on a blue circular background.

Prohibiting signs

These signs specify behavior or actions which are not permitted. The signs typically feature a circle and are shown in red over the action symbol.

Warning signs

These signs warn of hazards that are not likely to be life-threatening. These signs use a hazard symbol in black on a yellow background with a triangle depicted around the hazard symbol.

Danger signs

These signs provide warning when a hazardous condition is likely to be life-threatening. The word “danger” is featured inside a red oval inside a black rectangle

Emergency information signs

These signs indicate the location of emergency facilities such as exits and first-aid equipment. They feature a white symbol or text on a green background.

Fire signs

Fire safety signs inform employees of the location of firefighting equipment, emergency phones, risers, valve shutoffs, and disconnects. They contain a white symbol or text on a red background.

Egress path marking signs

They guide people to a safe exit out of the building in emergency situations. Many of the new best practice safety signs are made with high-tech materials that can glow brightly in the dark for long periods of time.

VIEWING DISTANCE

Signs should be large enough to view without straining the eyes when communicating safety messages to employees.

You must consider the environment, lighting and viewing distance – these factors will determine the size of sign required to suit your application.

Position your signs where lighting is good and mount in a reasonably prominent position.

Let’s be safe out there!