



Safety signs and notices

The responsible person of a premises must warn or advise others about hazards and risks. If we don't understand the signs and notices that are put up, we could put ourselves in danger.

All safety signs must conform to the health & safety (safety signs and signals) regulations 1996.

An explanation of the signs are as follows:

Prohibition Signs:



These signs have a red circle with a cross bar on a white background, with black pictogram.

Examples of these are NO ENTRY and NO SMOKING signs.

These signs mean behaviour likely to increase or cause danger.

Mandatory Signs:



These signs have a round shape with a blue pictogram on a blue background.

These signs prescribe a specific behaviour (e.g., 'eye protection must be worn')

Warning Signs:



A sign giving warning of a hazard or danger (e.g., 'danger electricity')

These signs are triangular with a black pictogram on a yellow background with black edging.

Safe Condition Signs:

A sign giving information on emergency exits, first aid or rescue facilities (e.g., 'emergency exit/escape routes')



These signs are rectangular or square shape with a white pictogram on a green background.