

Persons in charge of sites, plant etc. frequently has a need to warn or advice others about hazards or risks. If we don't understand the signs and notices they put up, we could be in danger.

All safety signs have to conform to the Safety Signs Regulations. If we are familiar with the principles of the regulations we will be able to spot instantly:

**Prohibition Signs**                      **Mandatory Signs**                      **Warning Signs**  
**Safe Condition Signs**                      **Fire Fighting Equipment Signs**

**Prohibition Signs** – These have a red circle with a cross bar on white ground. Any lettering is black.

**Examples:** Stop, No Entry, No Smoking

**Meaning:** DO NOT. YOU MUST NOT. STOP IT IF YOU ARE.



**Mandatory Signs** – These have a solid blue circle with a white symbol and/or lettering.

**Examples:** Hard Hats must be worn, Keep locked shut

**Meaning:** YOU MUST DO. OBEY.

**Warning Signs** – These have a solid yellow triangle (point up) with a black border. Any symbol or lettering is also black on yellow.

**Examples:** Danger, High Voltage, and Guard Dogs Loose.

**Meaning:** YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED, THEREFORE TAKE CARE.



**Safe Condition Signs** – These have a solid green square with white symbols and/or lettering.

**Examples:** Fire Exit, First Aid

**Meaning:** FOLLOW THIS SIGN TO REACH SAFETY.



**Fire Equipment Signs** – These have a solid red rectangle with white symbols and/or lettering.

**Examples:** Fire Alarm, Hydrant, and Extinguisher.

**Meaning:** HERE IS THE FIRE EQUIPMENT.



**Note:** Fire Extinguishers have their own color code, which will be dealt with later