

Safety signs are legally regulated through standards organizations. Different forms and colours are employed depending on their use. For example, triangles always denote warning about particular hazards. Other signs such as mandatory, prohibition, safe conditions and general information make use of other specific forms and colours.

Prohibition signs

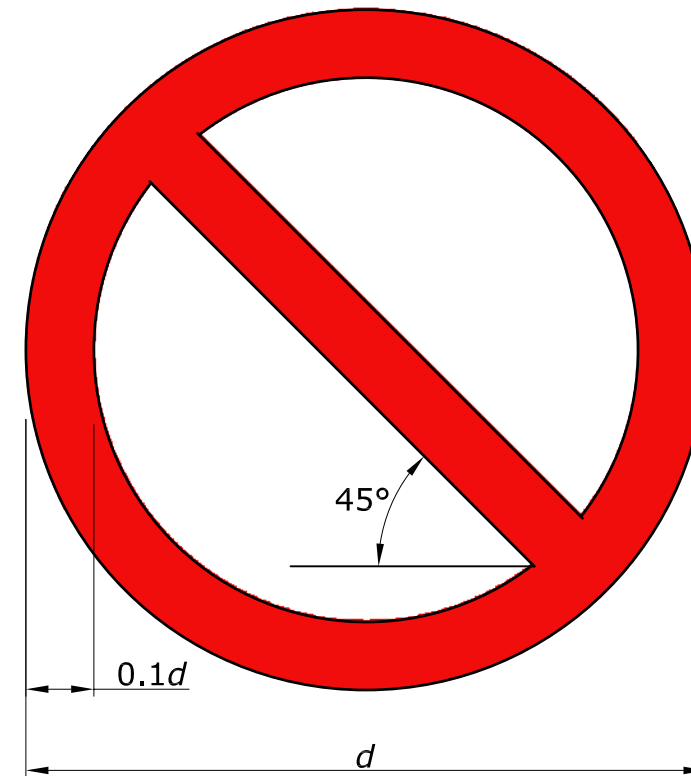
'YOU MUST NOT'

Signs telling the individual not to carry out an action as it may increase or cause danger.

Properties

- Red bordered circle and diagonal having a white background.
- The image should be black and centrally placed. It should not obscure the diagonal.
- Red should at least cover 35% of the area of the safety sign.

Note: Any text that complements the sign should be placed beneath.



Examples:

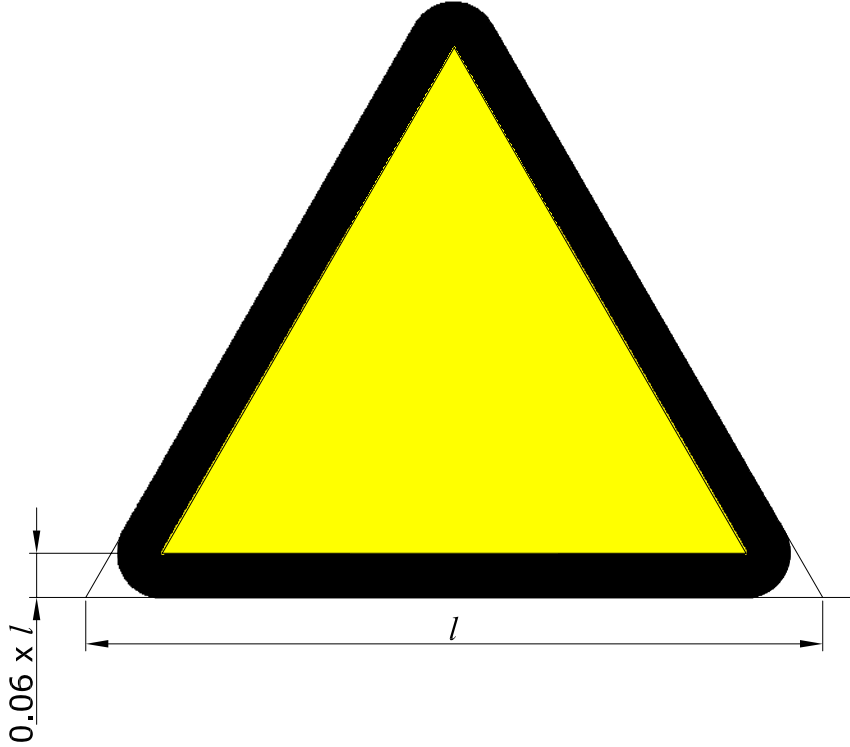


Warning signs 'CAUTION'

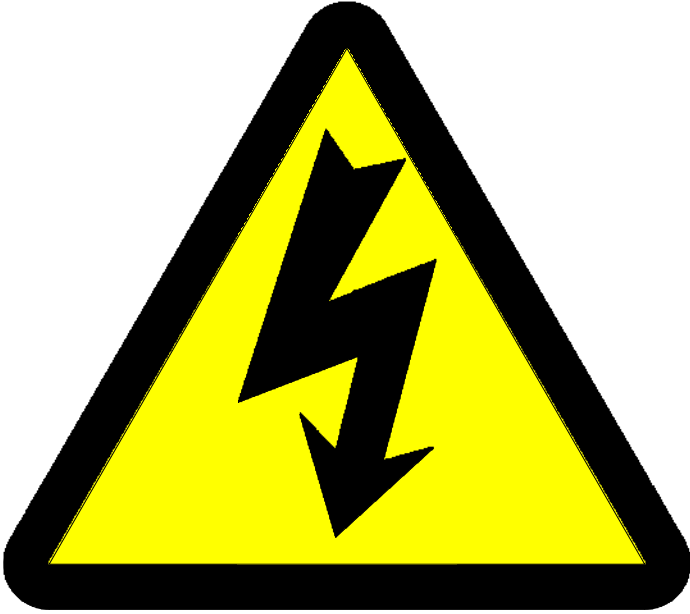
Signs that give a warning of a hazard or danger.

Properties

- Black bordered triangle having a yellow background.
- The image should be centrally placed on the yellow background.
- The background colour should at least cover 50% of the area of the safety sign.



Examples:



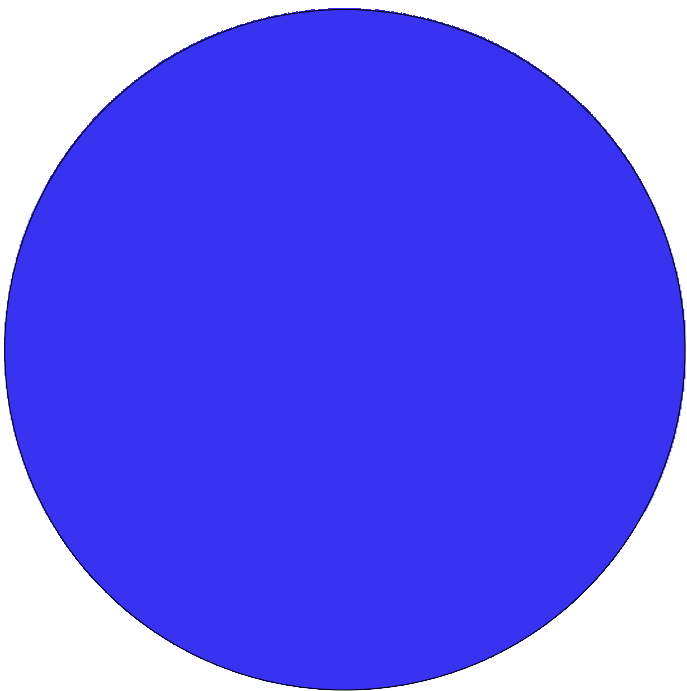
Mandatory signs

'YOU MUST DO'

Signs that show an action or behaviour that should take place.

Properties

- White image on a blue circular background.
- The image should be white and centrally placed over the background.
- The background colour should at least cover 50% of the area of the safety sign.



Examples:



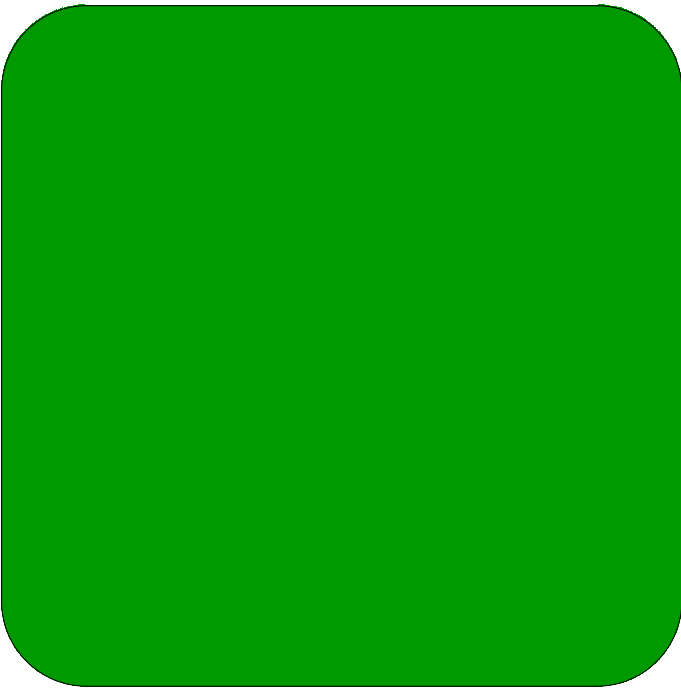
Safe condition signs

'Information signs'

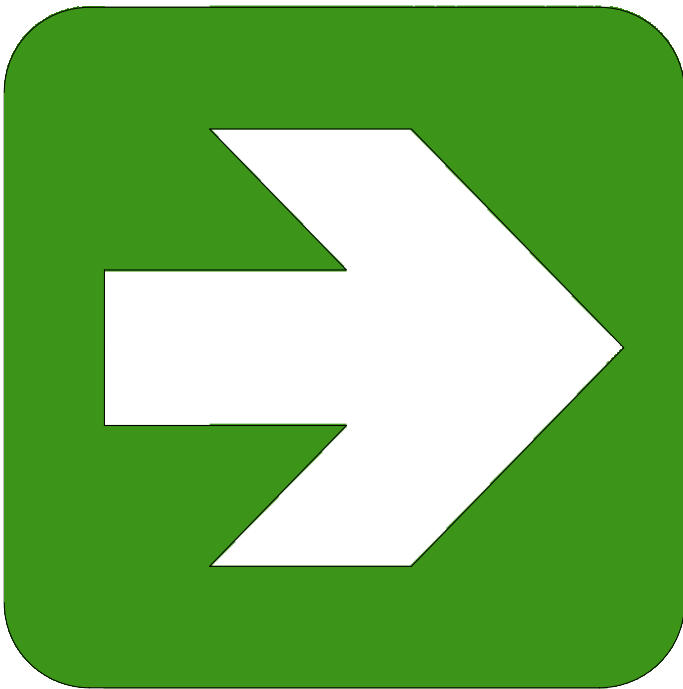
These signs indicate the way to 'safe conditions' or provision of services.

Properties

- White image centrally placed over a green background.
- The shape should be either rectangular or square.
- The background colour should at least cover 50% of the area of the safety sign.



Examples:



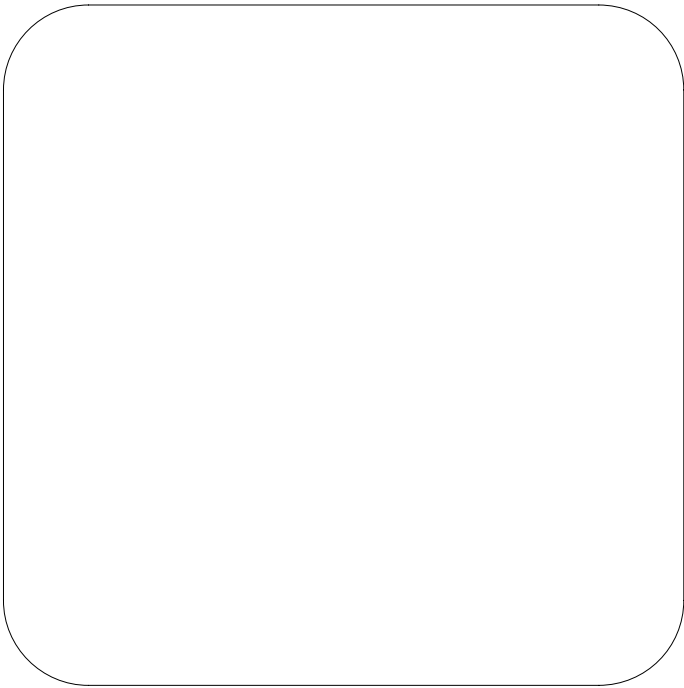
General Information signs

'Information signs'

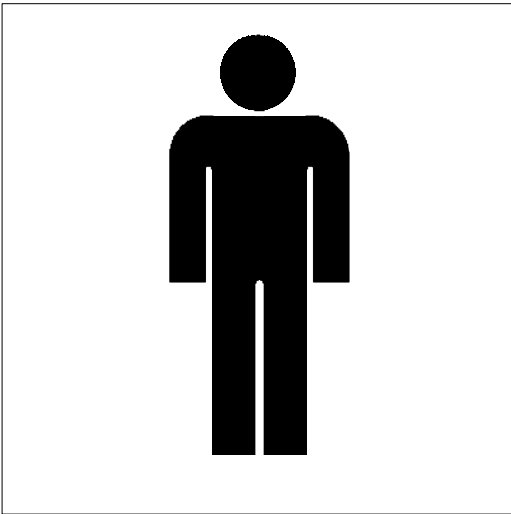
Signs that give general information on behaviour and use of services, objects, etc...

Properties

- Black image centrally placed over a white background.
- The shape should be either rectangular or square.
- The white area should at least cover 50% of the sign.



Examples:



Reference:

British Standards Institution Education. (1987). Graphical Symbols for use in schools and colleges. BSI