



Signs and Safety

Safety signs give a specific message to those who may be exposed to hazards in the workplace.

The message may be to **prevent accidents**, signify **health hazards**, indicate the location of **safety and fire protection** equipment, or for giving guidance and instruction in an **emergency**.

The Australian Standard 1319 covering safety signs regulate the design and use of safety signs. There are seven (7) categories of safety signs identified by colour and shape:



Prohibition signs – these are signs that indicate something that you must not do. They are made up of a red circle border with a line through it, a white background and black symbol.



Mandatory signs – these signs tell you that you must wear some special safety equipment. They are made up of a blue solid circle and white symbol.



Restriction signs – these signs tell of a limitation placed on an activity or use in the area concerned. They are made up of a red circular border, no crossbar, and a white background.



Hazard warning signs – these signs warn you of a danger or risk to your health. They are made up of a yellow triangle with a black border and a black symbol.



Emergency information signs – these signs show where emergency safety equipment is kept. They are made up of a green solid rectangle with a white symbol or text.



Fire signs – these signs tell you the location of fire alarms and fire fighting facilities. They are made up of a red solid rectangle with white text.



Danger hazard signs – these signs warn of a particular hazard or hazardous condition that could be life-threatening. They have the word DANGER in white on a red background, a black border and black text.



Dangerous goods signs (also known as Hazardous chemicals signs) are defined in the Australian dangerous goods code. They are used to indicate what is in a tank or package and how it needs to be stored and transported.

Fortifire can assist in providing any type of sign for your workplace, sporting club or other need.