

IMPORTANT SAFETY SIGNS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Safety signs play a vital role in an organization in order to avert from unwanted incidents or injuries from happening. If you are an employer, it is your duty to train and educate your employees regarding the function of these signs. As for an employee, be aware and alert about the safety signs at your workplace, especially for your own benefits and safety.

Safety sign usually is a pictograph, a pictorial symbol for a word or phrase that comes with a specific color coding system according to its categories. Each color represents a significant category of a sign of which can be divided into four namely prohibition signs, warning, signs, mandatory signs and safe condition signs.



PROHIBITION SIGNS

Prohibition signs usually indicate that the specific area could be peril and insecure for any activity to be conducted or might need to call off current actions immediately. For instance, "Do Not Enter" signage might convey a message that only authorized personnel is allowed to enter such room due to chemical interaction or safety. Failure to do so might cause harmful effects to the person. This type of sign normally deals with red color that is designated to portray danger, emergency and prohibition signs.



WARNING SIGNS

The yellow colored signs typically used to convey a message of potential risks or hazards of a particular situation. For example, a radioactive sign that consists of three black wedges at 120 degrees positions apart around a central black circle on a yellow background marks the container of radioactive chemicals. This warning sign is essential as it might cause radiation exposure if the material was not properly handle by employee.



MANDATORY SIGNS

Blue colored signs basically mark positive actions. It serves as mandatory actions and safety information that will contribute towards safety. For example, a safety sign that shows a picture of a man wearing a hard hat with blue colored background. This emphasizes that whoever wants to enter or be in that particular area should wear right Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for their safety purposes. This is mandatory especially at a construction site or factory area in order to avert from unwanted incidents from happening.



SAFE CONDITION SIGNS

Safety signs with green colored signs usually indicate exit routes in the event of a fire or emergency but not danger. It is a call for positive actions. For example, a safety sign that shows someone is running towards the entrance to escape marks the sign of 'Exit'. This prominent example portrays how the sign can easily be understood for the sake of safety in the workplace.

Employer could conduct a toolbox talk or provide the employees with handbooks that contain information on the safety signs and colors in the workplace. This could be a great reminder and reference for employee whenever they in need for such information at the workplace. Apart from this, a practical training in the workplace regarding safety signs should also be conducted constantly as it will nurture greater understanding about the product between the team members.

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