

Construction of a Safety Sign



OSHA & ANSI SAFETY SIGN STRUCTURE

Traditional OSHA-Style signs and labels are the most widely recognized design format in industry. They are widely recognized because this style of warning sign has been in use for decades. OSHA-Style signs use ALL CAPS, and the message is generally centered underneath the header. This standardized sign format continues today to be the choice for selecting messages in safety signs.

Newer ANSI-Style signs and labels are gaining in popularity. While not the OSHA standard, they are recognized by OSHA as an acceptable warning device. These sign formats and layouts are designed in conformance with ANSI's Z535 standard. The noticeable differences often include a visual alert symbol (triangle with an exclamation point!), a large symbol in the center of the sign, and finally, upper and lower case lettering for the message section, which is left-justified. ANSI feels this sign format is easier and quicker to read and comprehend; studies support improved comprehension.

It's still your choice which format to use. Regardless of which format you choose, and even if you mix formats in your facility, be sure to train your employees and contractors on the importance of recognizing the hazards in your facility, by understanding the signs to safety.



Red: DANGER
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



Orange: WARNING
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



Yellow: CAUTION
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.



Blue: NOTICE
Preferred signal word to address practices not related to personal injury.



Green: SAFETY FIRST/THINK
Indicates general instructions relative to safe work practices and reminds of proper safety procedures.

Grouped in our Signs & Labels section you will find other attention-getting sign formats that do not meet the true criteria of accident prevention signs. We include them in their respective topic area to fulfill your various communication needs and applications.

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FAX INFO — Fill in this area if faxing this order form. (Cover sheet is NOT necessary)

Date: _____ Number of pages: _____ Phone: _____

From: _____ Company: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Please send proof by: Email FAX

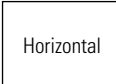
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
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REQUIRED SPECIFICS

Quantity: _____

Layout:






Other:

Pictorial image
(if desired):

Color:

























Other: _____

Header:























SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Arrange best way Arrange exactly as specified

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