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Standard Health & Safety Signs Information

The range of standard Health & Safety signs is vast. Before you browse [on line](#) or order a catalogue we recommend that you take a moment to familiarise yourself with the Health and Safety sign classification system and choose the right material for your requirement.

Bear in mind the distance at which the sign has to be read and choose their size accordingly.

PWG also source products from suppliers who are not on line and this resource is also available to you via PWG. Due to volume we receive deliveries daily and can offer discounts and savings on carriage costs and will deliver direct if the order is urgent. If you cannot find the sign you want then PWG will make it. When you are ready, go to the [online](#) page

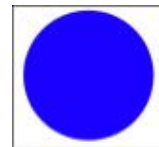
British Health & Safety Signage Standards are defined by B.S.I. in 1984 and have been added to subsequently.

For more information Visit the [British Standards Institute web site](#)

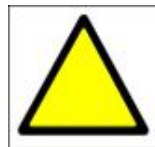
Health & Safety sign classifications



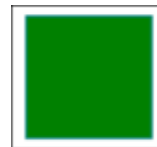
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MUST DO**



**MANDATORY
MUST DO**



**HAZARD
DANGER**



**SAFE ROUTE
ESCAPE**



**FIRE
FIGHTING**

Viewing distances

As a guide the height of the symbol determines the viewing distance. This particularly applies to Fire safety signs.

| Graphic symbol height | Viewing distance |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 100 mm | 17.0 metres |
| 110 mm | 19.0 metres |
| 120 mm | 20.4 metres |
| 130 mm | 22.0 metres |

For more information on use of fire exit Signs and signs that do not comply Click here www.ddfra.co.uk

For further information on the standards and requirements of escape route signs Click here [\(Fire safety advice centre\)](#)

Safety Notes

Health and Safety signs have to be durable and placed in highly visible places. If they have to be sited in a dark area they should be illuminated. Fire safety signs in particular should be luminous if there is a likely hood of power failure and you should consider floor markings if smoke is likely in an emergency. Fire escape signs will indicate direction of escape except on the final door to safety. Staff should rehearse their likely escape route in the event that an emergency occurs.

Materials information

All the sign materials listed below are suitable for inside or outside use. Anti graffiti film can be applied to the sign for an extra cost.

SELF ADHESIVE VINYL is a thin PVC and is easy to apply to a smooth non porous surface.

RIGID PVC is a thicker material that can be screwed, glued or taped to suitable surfaces.

FOAM PVC is a lighter weight and thicker material which gives more rigidity to the sign.

POLYCARBONATE signs are virtually unbreakable and if anti graffiti film is applied then it is very vandal resistant. **ALUMINIUM** signs are tough and long lasting. They are particularly used for road signs.

PHOTO LUMINESCENT (luminous) signs can be made from any of the materials above and will remain visible in darkness for a limited period of time.

FIBRE GLASS signs have their message encapsulated inside the material and are very vandal resistant and durable.

ILLUMINATED signs are framed and internally illuminated. Requiring a power source.

SELF ILLUMINATING signs and battery operated signs are available.

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