

# Toolbox Talk

## Safety signs



### The Health and Safety (Signs and Signals) Regulations:

The regulations require that safety signs are provided and maintained where there is a significant risk to health and safety that has not been removed by other control measures and is only appropriate where the signs will help to reduce the risk.

The symbol or pictogram for use on a sign board or illuminated sign are shown in schedule 1 of the regulations.

**Prohibition signs:** Round shape, black pictogram on a white background, red edging and diagonal line.



No access for unauthorized persons



Smoking and naked flames forbidden



No smoking



No access for pedestrians



Not drinkable



Do not extinguish with water



No access for industrial vehicles



Do not touch

**Warning signs:** Triangular shape, black pictogram on a yellow background with black edging.



Flammable material or high temperature



Explosive material



Toxic material



Corrosive material



Radioactive material



Overhead load



Industrial vehicles



Danger: electricity



General danger



Laser beam



Oxidant material



Non-ionising radiation



Strong magnetic field



Obstacles



Drop



Biological risk



Low temperature

This sign has been deleted from the list by the UK CLP Regulations and should not be used

Harmful or irritant material

**Mandatory signs:** Round shape, white pictogram on a blue background.



Eye protection must be worn



Safety helmet must be worn



Ear protection must be worn



Respiratory equipment must be worn



Safety boots must be worn



Safety gloves must be worn



Safety harness must be worn



Face protection must be worn



Safety overalls must be worn

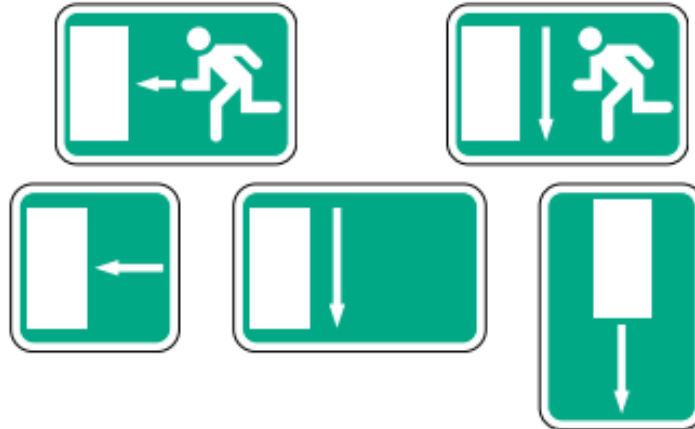


Pedestrians must use this route



General mandatory sign (to be accompanied where necessary by another sign)

**Emergency escape or first-aid signs:** Rectangular or square shape, white pictogram on a green background.



Examples from BS EN 7010



**Supplementary 'This way' signs for emergency exits/escape routes:**

For emergency exit signs for safe exit routes (safety signs. Code of practice for escape route signing BS 5499-4:2013 applies) care should be taken that 'This way' arrows for emergency equipment location (red background direction arrows) are not in contradiction with escape direction.



**First aid signs:**



First aid poster



Stretcher



Eyewash



Safety shower



Emergency telephone for first aid or escape

**Fire-fighting signs:** Rectangular or square shape, white pictogram on a red background.



Fire hose



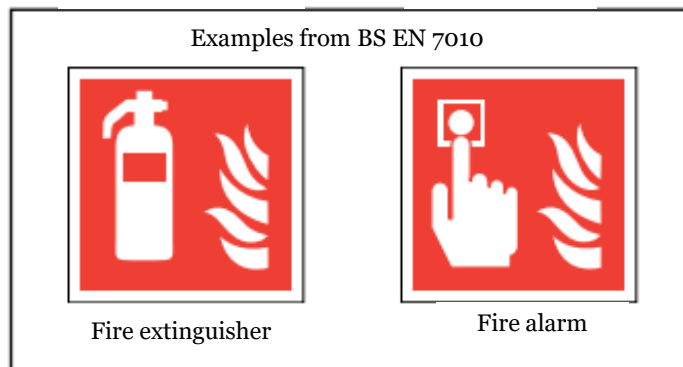
Fire extinguisher



Ladder



Emergency fire telephone



**Supplementary ‘This way’ signs for firefighting equipment;**

Care should be taken that the use of arrows to indicate the direction to emergency equipment cannot be confused with direction of escape and should not be in contradiction. If there is a risk that confusion may arise which could result in those evacuating a building being misdirected, you should consider whether these signs should be used.



**Signs for marking obstacles and dangerous locations:** Can be yellow and black or red and white diagonal stripes.



**Useful link;** <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l64.pdf>