



Summer of Safety

Safety Moment of the Week



Using Safety Signs in the Workplace

Companies are required to follow OSHA regulations to keep employees safe from a variety of hazards. One of those methods is through the use of Safety Signs. Safety signs are **symbols or messages intended to warn or inform individuals about hazards or requirements.**

They are used to ensure safety by guiding behaviors, conveying rules, and providing essential information to prevent accidents and injuries. There are different types of safety signs, such as prohibition signs, warning signs, mandatory signs, danger signs, fire signs, emergency signs, and restriction signs. Each type of sign has a specific color, shape and meaning.

Safety signs are essential for communicating hazard information using colors, words, and pictures. They help to indicate the location of hazards and provide guidance on how to protect against them. It's important to understand the meanings of these signs and to follow their instructions to ensure safety.

Many accidents occur due to workers ignoring warning signs, and others are injured because of the absence of proper signage. By taking a straightforward and common-sense approach to warning signs, many accidents can be prevented.

Communicating Safety with Color

Red = Danger

Red signs identify immediate hazards that will cause severe injury or death. Red also indicates the location of fire equipment and emergency exits.

Orange = Warning

Orange signs point to hazards that could cause severe injury or even death if you fail to take safety precautions.

Yellow = Caution

Yellow is linked to physical hazards that could cause minor or moderate injury. It's often used to mark hazards that could cause someone to slip, trip, or fall.

Green = Location

Green indicates the location of safety equipment, such as eyewash stations, emergency showers, and first-aid kits.

Blue = Information

Blue signifies general information, such as notices about safety rules and procedures.

Black = Instruction

Black and white are used to give housekeeping instructions or to mark boundaries such as traffic aisles, stairways, and directional signs.