

YOUR SIGNS ARE KEY

Signs play a key part in the health & safety of all personnel that work and use your premises. Consistency of design across these signs is of absolute importance if a common communication message is to be effective throughout all your buildings.

For example, in the case of a fire, it is paramount that all occupants can get to a place of safety. One of the most important aspects of this is clear, unambiguous and consistent escape route signing.

This is good practice, but regrettably when looking around organisations premises, so often signing is not consistent due to a mixture in sign types and design.

New standards for good safety practice that includes clear advice on the use of safety signs have now been released, enabling organisations to audit their signs, ensuring they meet current safety legislation.

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NEW REQUIREMENTS & STANDARDS

The requirements of the DDA – The Disability Discrimination Act, the new Approved Document B and the new Regulatory Reform Order and associated guidance, are clear about the importance of correct signing. The criteria laid out in the New British Standards now offers real clarity to the effective design of safety signs and complies with these current regulations.

It is now a requirement that all organisations ensure that their signing systems are consistent; offering a clear and continuing communication message that is easily followed and understood by all occupants.

A full audit of your signs should now take place!



QUESTION: ARE YOUR SAFETY SIGNS CONSISTENT IN DESIGN?

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2. Leave building by the nearest exit. assembly point DO NOT stop to coll personal belongings. 2. DO NOT re-enter until told it is safe to do se

The new Standard BS 5499 is now best practice and deemed a requirement to satisfy current safety legislation. For example clarity of sign design is reinforced across these fire safety sign categories:







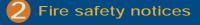






Push bar to open





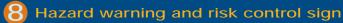












Prohibition signs

Assembly point safe area signs

















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Sign design is paramount to the overall effectiveness of all safety signs working as a harmonious communication message.

The design criteria of BS 5499 offers absolute clarity on the best design type for safety signs, for example:







Correct use of colour

The use of lower case supplementary text

The use of the most understood graphical symbol

The correct directional information

These elements are recommended as the most effective, that when used correctly make a clear sign for use in an emergency situation.

AUDIT YOURS TODAY

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QUESTION: DO YOUR SIGNS HAVE THESE CORRECT COMPONENTS?
INCLUDING lowercase TEXT & THIS GRAPHICAL SYMBOL



SIGNS OF CARING

BS 5499 Parts 1, 4 and 5 have also been subjected to a rigorous examination in regards to the DDA – The Disability Discrimination Act. The DDA specifies the need for safe evacuation for disabled occupants and includes persons with learning disabilities and some forms of dyslexia. BS 5499 recommendations concerning the correct use of supplementary text are particularly pertinent at this point.



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THE ZONE OF INFLUENCE

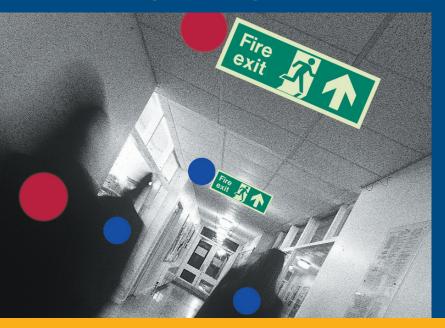
For any sign to be effective it must not only be seen, but also read. Each sign should be strategically placed so it is has a maximum influence within a defined area. This is called the ZONE OF INFLUENCE.



The zone of influence includes:

The correct viewing distance - easily read and understood from an appropriate distance.

Clear viewing area - signs are not blocked by furniture etc.



The zone of influence is the direct area that the sign can be read and seen. In this corridor the zone for the red marked sign affects the red marked person. During their egress they move onto the blue marked signs area; becoming influenced by this signs unique zone of influence.

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QUESTION: DO YOUR SIGNS HAVE A CLEAR VISUAL AREA AND ARE THEY UNDERSTOOD AT APPROPRIATE DISTANCES?

THE HSSA SYMBOL

Getting good advice for all health and safety instructions can be critical in preventing injury. The choices of sign designs in the market place is varied, not every catalogue or web site offers designs that are recommended by the HSSA mentioned in this guide.

However, when you see the HSSA (Health and Safety Signs Association) logo connected to a sign manufacturer or supplier you can be assured that the signs supplied will adhere to these excellent design standards!

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OUESTION: WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EFFECTIVE SIGNING ACCORDING TO THE NEW BENCH-MARK OF BRITISH STANDARDS? THEN CLICK BELOW

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