
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

**The Health and Safety (Safety Signs
and Signals) Regulations 1996**

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**THE HEALTH AND SAFETY (SAFETY
SIGNS AND SIGNALS) REGULATIONS 1996**

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PART I — MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SAFETY SIGNS AND
SIGNALS AT WORK

1. Preliminary remarks
2. Types of signs
3. Interchanging and combining signs
4. The instructions in the table below apply to all signs...
5. The effectiveness of a sign must not be adversely affected...
6. Depending on requirements, signs and signalling devices must be
cleaned,...
7. The number and positioning of signs or signalling devices to...
8. Signs requiring some form of power must be provided with...
9. The triggering of an illuminated sign and/or acoustic signal indicates...
10. Illuminated signs and acoustic signals must be checked to ensure...

11. If the hearing or the sight of the workers concerned...
12. Areas, rooms or enclosures used for the storage of significant...
 - PART II — MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SIGNBOARDS
 1. Intrinsic features
 2. Conditions of use
 3. Signboards to be used
 - PART III — MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING SIGNS ON CONTAINERS AND PIPES
 1. Containers used at work for dangerous substances or preparations defined...
 2. Signs must be mounted as follows: on the visible side(s),...
 3. Where appropriate, the signs referred to in paragraph 1 of...
 4. Without prejudice to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the labels...
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 - PART IV — MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT
 1. Preliminary remark
 2. Fire-fighting equipment must be identified by using a specific colour...
 3. The colour for identifying this equipment is red. The red...
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 - PART V — MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING SIGNS USED FOR OBSTACLES AND DANGEROUS LOCATIONS, AND FOR MARKING TRAFFIC ROUTES
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SCHEDULE 2 — DOCUMENTS SPECIFYING ALTERNATIVE HAND SIGNALS

1. The standards issued by the British Standards Institution with the...
2. Appendix C of the Fire Service Training Manual.

SCHEDULE 3 —

PART I — REVOCATIONS

PART II — MODIFICATIONS

1. In regulation 9 of the Noise at Work Regulations 1989—...
2. In the Dangerous Substances (Notification and Marking of Sites) Regulations...

Explanatory Note