

In several situations, organizational and technical measures are insufficient to prevent or limit the health and safety risks for staff members. A signal that will draw attention to an object, activity or a situation may then be necessary.

This Annex provides an overview of the various categories of signs:


1. Prohibition signs;
2. Warning signs;
3. Mandatory signs;
4. Rescue signs;
5. Signs with regard to firefighting equipment.

1) Prohibition signs		
		
Smoking prohibited	Fire, open flame and smoking prohibited	Prohibited to pedestrians
		
Not drinking water	Authorized personnel only	Water as extinguishing agent prohibited
		
Do not touch	Prohibited to transport vehicles	Prohibited to persons with a pacemaker

2) Warning signs		
		

Danger	Toxic substances	Oxidizing substances
		
Corrosive substances	Explosive substances	Inflammable substances or high temperatures
		
Biological risk	No-ionizing substances	Radioactive substances
		
Low temperatures	Danger of electrical voltage	Laser beam
		
Transport vehicles	Important magnetic field	
		
<b>3) Mandatory signs</b>		
		
Protective footwear mandatory	Eye protection mandatory	Hearing protection mandatory

		
Protective gloves mandatory	Respiratory protection mandatory	Safety helmet mandatory
<b>4) Rescue signs</b>		
		
Escape route / emergency exit	Direction to follow (often in combination with a different rescue sign)	First Aid (station)
		
Stretcher	Safety shower	Eyewash
<b>5) Signs with regard to firefighting equipment</b>		
		
Fire hose	Ladder	Fire extinguisher

 A black icon of a hand pulling a fire alarm lever, set against a white background with a red border.		 A white icon of a telephone handset, set against a red background.
<b>Manual fire alarm</b>	<b>Telephone for firefighting</b>	