

OSHA SAFETY SIGN GUIDE

UNDERSTANDING SIGNAL WORDS IN THE WORKPLACE

ANSI Z535 SIGN STANDARDS

The header must contain a signal word appropriate to the hazard. For personal injury hazards, it must also contain the safety alert symbol - an exclamation point in a white triangle.

Safety message must be left-justified and written in sentence style.

⚠ DANGER



Keep Clear!
Rollers will crush and cause serious injury or death.

DANGER!

White upper case letters on a red field - always include the red exclamation point in the white triangle. Indicates an immediate hazard which, if not avoided, has a high probability of serious injury or death; special precautions are necessary.

The Pictogram must readily convey the message.

NOTICE

Indicates general information about procedures, rules or directions, generally not directly associated with physical hazards.

NOTICE



Keep Out!
Only authorized persons may enter this area.
If you have questions, see your supervisor.

⚠ CAUTION



Flying Objects.
Safety glasses required beyond this point.

CAUTION!

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

⚠ WARNING



Inhalation Hazard
Do not breathe vapors.
Please follow all PPE procedures.

WARNING!

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in serious injury or death. Represents a hazard level between Danger and Caution.

EYEWASH



Emergency eyewash fountain.
Keep area clear.

WARNING!

The biohazard symbol indicates a special class of Warning sign, calling attention to the risk to health and life by the possible presence of a biological hazard, and identifies places or things that may contain hazardous agents and indicates special protection required.

BIOHAZARD



No food or drink in this area.

⚠ DANGER



Crush Hazard!
Keep away from this area during operation.

All Safety Signs may also be in landscape format, with message on the right and pictogram on the left.

SAFETY FIRST

Also THINK or BE CAREFUL signs. Indicate general information about procedures, rules or directions, generally not directly associated with physical hazards.

⚠ WARNING



Construction Area.
Hard hat and ear protection required beyond this point.

In the event that multiple safety items are required, individual pictograms must be used to identify each of them.