



# THE GRAMMAR OF SAFETY SIGNS



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SAFETY SIGNS?

- Legislation.
- Safety signs should be placed/posted whenever there is a risk that cannot be controlled by any other means.



## TYPES OF SIGNAGE

- Mandatory.
- Prohibition.
- Hazard / warning.
- Safe place or safety information.
- Fire equipment.
- Multiple / combination signs.



## MANDATORY

- You must do.....  
e.g. Wear hard hats  
Keep clear





## PROHIBITION

- You must not do.....  
e.g. No smoking  
Do not remove guards





## HAZARD / WARNING

- To warn of the potential dangers in and around the workplace.

e.g. Warning Fork lift trucks  
Danger 240 volts





## SAFE PLACE

- To show the way to an area of safety.
- To indicate a course of action that is safe to take.

e.g. First aid station  
Fire escape routes





## FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

- To indicate the location of fire equipment.  
  
e.g. Fire extinguishers.







## SUMMARY

- Safety signs should be placed / posted whenever there is a risk that cannot be controlled by any other means.
- Legislation.
- Employees have a responsibility to cooperate with the employer on health and safety matters.