

Council Directive 92/58/EEC of 24 June 1992 on the minimum requirements for the provision of safety and/or health signs at work (ninth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)

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ANNEX II

MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SIGNBOARDS

1. Intrinsic features

- 1.1. The shape and colours of signboards are set out in section 3, in accordance with their specific object (signboards indicating a prohibition, a warning, a mandatory action, an escape route, an emergency or fire-fighting equipment).
- 1.2. Pictograms must be as simple as possible and should contain only essential details.
- 1.3. The pictograms used may be slightly different from or more detailed than those shown in section 3, provided that they convey the same meaning and that no difference or adaptation obscures the meaning.
- 1.4. Signboards are to be made of shock and weather-resistant material suitable for the surrounding environment.
- 1.5. The dimensions and colorimetric and photometric features of signboards must be such that they can be easily seen and understood.

2. Conditions of use

- 2.1. Signboards are in principle to be installed at a suitable height and in a position appropriate to the line of sight, taking account of any obstacles, either at the access point to an area in the case of a general hazard, or in the immediate vicinity of a specific hazard or object and in a well-lit and easily accessible and visible location.

Without prejudice to the provisions of Directive 89/654/EEC, phosphorescent colours, reflective materials or artificial lighting should be used where the level of natural light is poor.

- 2.2. The signboard must be removed when the situation to which it refers ceases to exist.

3. Signboards to be used

3.1. Prohibitory signs

Intrinsic features:

- round shape
- black pictogram on white background, red edging and diagonal line (the red part to take up at least 35 % of the area of the sign).

Sign to be used



3.2. Warning signs

Intrinsic features:

- triangular shape
- black pictogram on a yellow background with black edging (the yellow part to take up at least 50 % of the area of the sign).

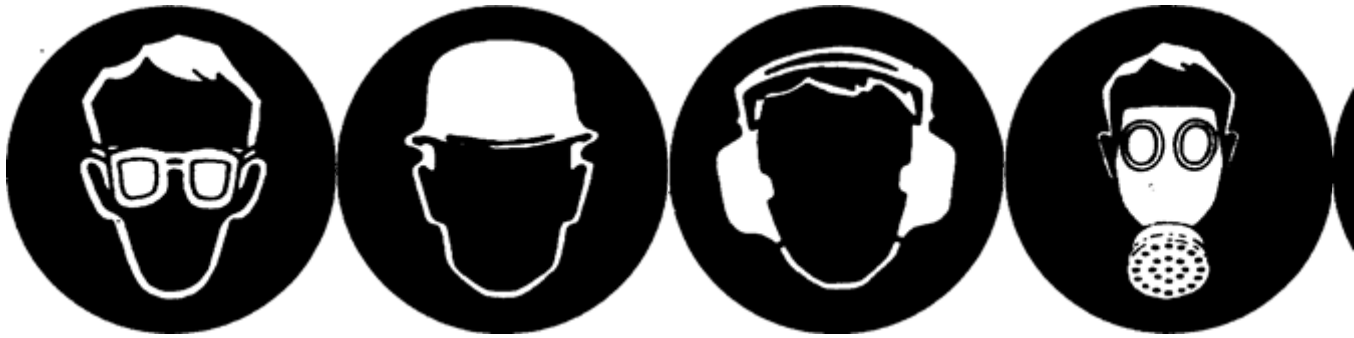
**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Deleted by [Directive 2014/27/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 amending Council Directives 92/58/EEC, 92/85/EEC, 94/33/EC, 98/24/EC and Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to align them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

3.3. Mandatory signs**Intrinsic features:**

- round shape
- white pictogram on a blue background (the blue part to take up at least 50 % of the area of the sign).

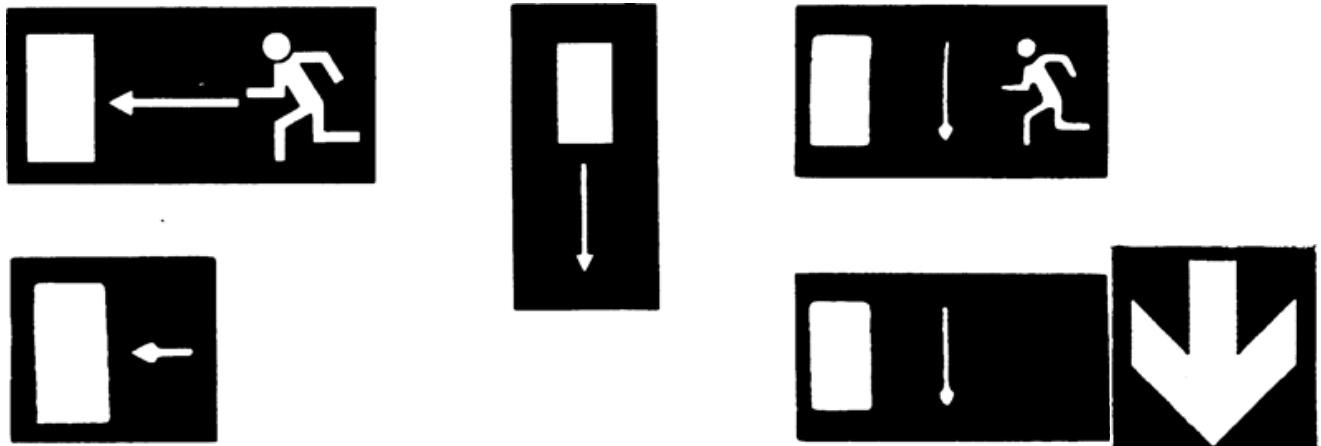
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3.4. Emergency escape or first-aid signs

Intrinsic features:

- rectangular or square shape
- white pictogram on a green background (the green part to take up at least 50 % of the area of the sign)



3.5. Fire-fighting signs

Intrinsic features:

- rectangular or square shape
- white pictogram on a red background (the red part to take up at least 50 % of the area of the sign).

