Safety signs in the workplace

Safety signs inform and warn you of hazards and risks in the workplace, tell you what to do in an emergency situation and show you how to protect yourself and work safely. You should always follow safety signs to help keep you and the people around you safe.

- **Red circle and slash signs**: show an activity is not permitted
  - Smoking prohibited
  - No pedestrian access
  - Water not suitable for drinking

- **Yellow triangle signs**: warn there are hazards in the area
  - Caution, risk of electric shock
  - Caution, beware of opening door
  - Caution, forklift in use

- **Green square signs**: show emergency safety information
  - First aid
  - Emergency eye wash
  - Emergency shower

- **Blue circle signs**: show what personal protective equipment must be worn
  - Eye protection must be worn
  - Hard hat must be worn
  - Protective gloves must be worn

- **Red and white diamond signs**: warn of hazardous chemicals and their risks. These signs are generally accompanied by a label with further information about the hazard.
  - Flammable
  - Corrosive
  - Acute toxicity

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For further information on safety signs refer to Australian Standard 1319: Safety signs for the occupational environment and the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.