


## Symbols and Colours

Health and Safety signs can be broken down into the following categories, as specified by British and European Standards. General Signs (signs which are used for information purposes) are not required to meet any specific criteria. Note that these rules are not applicable to road signs and Taktyle braille signs.

	<p><b>Mandatory Signs</b></p> <p>A blue circle containing a white image denoting that a specific course of action <u>must</u> be taken.</p>		<p><b>Safe Condition Signs</b></p> <p>A green rectangle or square with a symbol or text in white providing information about first aid, escape or other safe conditions.</p>
	<p><b>Prohibition Signs</b></p> <p>A red circular band crossed with a diagonal bar on a white background. A black symbol behind this band indicates the prohibited action.</p>		<p><b>Fire Equipment Signs</b></p> <p>A red rectangle or square with a symbol or text in white providing information about the location and use of fire fighting equipment.</p>
	<p><b>Hazard Signs</b></p> <p>A yellow triangle with a black border and symbol denoting a hazard in the environment.</p>	<p><b>General Signs</b></p>	<p><b>General Signs</b></p> <p>These are not safety signs and therefore are not governed by a specific colour scheme or format. They are to be used for any non safety purpose.</p>

### BS EN ISO 7010:2012

In an effort to attain consistency of design of safety signs throughout Europe BS EN ISO 7010:2012 was adopted in the UK in 2012. By adopting this standard the goal is that a fire exit sign in the UK would be the same design as in Germany, France or any other EU member.

It is an ongoing process and not all images will have changed but you can be assured that all the signs in this catalogue have all been updated to the new standard where available. If a symbol has not yet been updated then the previous BS5499 standard will be used until such a time as a replacement ISO symbol becomes available.

## Viewing Distances

These are suggested maximum viewing distances in the latest simplified draft format. For current formulae refer to BS5499-4:2000. This is intended as a guide only.

If you require further advice please contact your sales office.

Max. viewing distance (m)	Height of lower case text letters (mm)
8	30
10	40
15	60
24	95
32	130
63	250
79	315
95	380
126	500



## Key to material abbreviations

Our most commonly manufactured products. For full specifications of any material below please contact our sales office.

<b>SAV</b> Self adhesive vinyl	<b>PHO</b> 1.3mm Rigid Photoluminescent Board (self adhesive)
<b>RPVC</b> Rigid 1mm PVC board (non-adhesive)	<b>STN</b> Polyester unprinted stencil sheet
<b>PVC</b> Self adhesive semi-rigid PVC	<b>TAK</b> Reverse printed and moulded Taktyle sheet
<b>BAN</b> Flexible Banner PVC	<b>POL</b> Polished Gold Effect Laminate (Self Adhesive)
<b>BRG</b> Brushed Gold Effect Laminate (Self Adhesive)	<b>PSS</b> 1.2mm Polished Stainless Steel
<b>BRS</b> Brushed Silver Effect Laminate (Self Adhesive)	<b>PYC</b> 2mm Vandal Resistant Polycarbonate
<b>CHR</b> Polished Chrome Effect (Self Adhesive)	<b>QSN</b> Q-Sign, Temporary Moulded Plastic Sign
<b>CLG</b> Window Cling Vinyl	<b>SAA</b> Satin Anodised Aluminium
<b>CRU</b> Classic Roll-up Sign	<b>SAP</b> Paper (Self Adhesive)
<b>CRX</b> Lightweight Corrugated Plastic	<b>SSE</b> Stainless Steel Effect Laminate
<b>DIB</b> Dibond Aluminium Composite	<b>SSS</b> Satin Stainless Steel
<b>FLR(Ph)</b> Anti-slip Laminated Floor Sign (Photolum.)	<b>TAKPh</b> Taktyle Photoluminescent
<b>FMX</b> 3mm Foamex Board ('Foamed' PVC)	<b>TAKVI</b> Taktyle Vinyl
<b>LAM</b> Laminated Paper	<b>TRU</b> Triflex Roll-up Sign
<b>PAP</b> Paper	<b>ZFM</b> Zintec (in a mild steel frame)
<b>PB</b> 1.5mm Polished Brass	<b>ZIN</b> Zintec (without frame)