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## SAFETY SIGNS

### Important hazard reminders

Safety signs are all around your work environment and serve as important hazard reminders. Here's the low-down on the most common safety signs:

#### Danger Signs:

- Signs are red, black and white with danger descriptions.
- Only used when immediate hazards exist.
- Common in high voltage areas and where automatic-start-up equipment is used.

#### Warning Signs:

- Signs are orange with black text and symbols.
- Warns against hazards that are not threatening, such as forklift traffic.

#### Caution Signs:

- Signs are yellow with a black panel on the top and the word "Caution" on the panel. The bottom of the sign is used for additional safety information.
- Used to caution against unsafe work practices or to warn against potential hazards.



## EVACUATION TIPS

### Prepare now

There may come a time in your workday when you must evacuate because of an emergency. Before an emergency situation, it's best to prepare ahead of time so you can act fast. Here's how:

- Read the emergency evacuation plan thoroughly and ask questions concerning protocol that you do not understand.
- Know the pathway to at least two exits in every room or area in your workplace.
- Recognize the sound or signal of fire and evacuation alarms.
- Know who to contact in an emergency.
- Familiarize yourself with the pathway between your workspace and the exit so you can escape in the dark, if necessary.
- Report any damaged or malfunctioning safety systems to your supervisor immediately upon discovery.

In the event of an evacuation, leave as quickly as possible. Go directly to the nearest exit, if it's not blocked by fire. Listen carefully for more instructions from your supervisor and report to the designated meeting location outlined in our emergency evacuation plan.

## Did You Know?

The designs of hazard signs are universal. OSHA outlines specific guidelines for safety signage depending on the hazard so that they are identical across all industries. So, consider yourself fluent in safety sign reading!