

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR SIGN?

**Function:** Bulletin warnings of potentially unsafe areas and also alert people to the degree of danger

These signs can help prevent accidents but employees need to know what the signs mean and understand what is being conveyed.

### DANGER

Color: White letters in a red oval on a black background

Signify: a threat of death

May contain a specific message such as Flammable Gas, High Voltage

Red is used for fire apparatus and equipment, emergency stop buttons, bars and switches



### CAUTION

Color: Black background with yellow letters

Signify: a potential hazard or to take precautions

May also contain a specific message such as Watch for Forklifts, Wear Eye Protection

### WARNING

Color: Orange background with contrasting lettering or symbol

Signify: hazard level between danger and caution

Example: Construction Area or High Voltage



### BIOLOGICAL HAZARD



Color: Orange-red or fluorescent orange with lettering or symbols in a contrasting color

Signify: Show actual or potential presence of an infectious agent.

They would identify equipment, containers, rooms, experimental animals or a combination that are contaminated with hazardous biological agents.

**SAFETY INSTRUCTION**

Color: White background with a green panel and white lettering

Examples: Be Careful, Think Safety



OSHA has established requirements for signs in the workplace to warn workers of danger.

1. Signs should be firmly attached and be as close as possible to the hazards that they warn against.
2. The most important word on the sign must be able to be read at a minimum of 5 feet
3. Signs are assigned specific colors determined by what the sign is warning the worker about
4. Review the signs in the workplace periodically and when training a new employee.