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FIRE PROTECTION - SAFETY SIGNS

1. Scope — This standard covers the safety signs for use in the field of fire protection and fire fighting.

2. Safety Signs

- 2.1 The safety signs are presented in the tabular form based on:
 - a) Means of giving warning of fire and manual controls (see Table 1),
 - b) Means of escape from fire (see Table 2),
 - c) Means of fire fighting (see Table 3),
 - d) Areas or materials of special fire risk (see Table 4), and
 - e) Supplementary signs (see Table 5).
- **2.2** The colour red, green and yellow, shall conform to Shade No. 536, 221 and 309 of IS: 5-1978 'Colours for ready mixed paints and enamels ($third\ revision$)' respectively. The paint shall conform to IS: 2932-1974 'Specification for enamel, synthetic, exterior (a) undercoating, (b) finishing ($first\ revision$)'. The outermost dimensions of square (side), triangle (altitute), circle (diameter) shall be 125 mm and size of rectangle shall be 125 \times 250 mm.

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TABLE 1 MEANS OF GIVING WARNING AND MANUAL CONTROLS

SI No.	Sign	Meaning	Shape and Colours	Comments on Use
1		Manual activating device	Square sign Background: red Symbol: white	To be used to indicate either a fire alarm call point or the manual control of a fire protection system (e.g. fixed fire extinguishing system)
2		Alarm sounder	Square Background: red Symbol: white	May be used alone or in conjunction with sign No. 1 above if the fire alarm call point actuates an audible alarm immediately perceptible to the occupants
3		Telephone to be used in emergency	Square Background: red Symbol: white	Sign to indicate, or to show the position of a tele- phone available for giving warning in case of emer- gency

	TABLE 2 MEANS OF ESCAPE					
SI No.	Sign	Meaning	Shape and Colours	Comments on Use		
1		Emergency exit	Square Background: green Symbol: white	This sign may be used to Indicate all exits which can be used in the event of an emergency. It shall be accompanied by an arrow (Sign No. 1 of Table 5) unless the door is immediately apparent. It may indicate to right or to left.		
2		Do not obstruct	Round sign Background: white Symbol: black Circular band and cross bar: red	Sign to be used in situa- ations where obstruction would present a particu- lar danger (escape rou- tes, emergency exits, access to fire-fighting equipment, etc)		
3		Slide to open	Square Background: green Symbol: white	To be used in conjunction with sign No. 4 of this table on sliding emergency exit doors, where they are permitted. May be used in the inverse direction		
4		Push to open	Square Background: green Symbol: white	This sign is to be placed on a door to indicate the direction of opening		

TABLE 2 MEANS OF ESCAPE - Contd

SI No.	Sign	Meaning	Shape and Colours	Comments on Use
5		Pull to open	Square Background: green Symbol: white	This sign is to be placed on a door to indicate the direction of opening
6		Break to obtain access	Square Background: green Symbol: white	The sign may be used: a) where it is necessary to break a glass panel to obtain access to a key or to a means of opening b) where it is necessary to break open a panel to create an exit.

TABLE 3 FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

SI No.	Sign	Meaning	Shape and Colours	Comments on Use
1		Collection of fire- fighting equipment	Square Background: red Symbol: white	This sign is used to avoid proliferation of signs
2		Fire extinguisher	Square Backgroung: red Symbol: white	
		Fire hose reel	Square	
3			Background: red Symbol: white	
4		Fire ladder	Square Background: red Symbol: white	

TABLE 4 AREAS OR MATERIALS OF SPECIAL FIRE RISK

SI No.	Sign	Meaning	Shape and Colours	Comments on Use
1		Danger of fire — Highly flammable materials	Triangular Background: yellow Symbol: black Triangle: black	To indicate the presence of highly flammable materials
2		Danger of fire — Oxidizing materials	Triangular Background: yellow Symbol: black Triangle: black	
3		Danger of explosion Explosive materials	Triangular Backgroud: yellow Symbol: black Triangle: black	To be used to indicate the possible existence of an explosive atmosphere, flammable gas or explosives
4		Water as extinguish- ing agent prohibit- ed	Round Background: white Symbol: black Circular band and cross- bar: red	To be used in all cases when the use of water on a fire is inappropriate
5		Smoking prohibited	Round Background: white Symbol: black Circular band and cross- bar: red	To be used in cases where smoking can cause danger of fire

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TABLE 4 AREAS OR MATERIALS OF SPECIAL FIRE RISK — Contd

SI No.	Sign	Meaning	Shape and Colours	Comments on Use
6		No open flame — Smoking prohibi- ted	Round Background: white Symbol: black Circular band and cross- bar: red	To be used in cases where smoking or open flame can cause danger of fire or explosion

TABLE 5 SUPPLEMENTARY SIGNS

SI No.	Sign	Meaning	Shape and Colours	Comments on Use
1		Directional arrow for escape route	Square or rectangular sign Background: green Symbol: white	To be used only toge- ther with sign No. 1 of Table 2 to indicate the direction to an emergency exit
2		Direction of location of fire-fighting equipment or warn- ing device	Square or rectangular sign Background: red Symbol: white	To be used only together with one of signs No. 1 to 3 of Table 1 and 1 to 4 of Table 3 to indicate the direction of location of fire fighting equipment or a warning device