

The Health and Safety Law Poster

The Health and Safety information for employee's regulations 1989 made it a legal requirement for all employers to display a health and safety law poster. The latest version informs of employer and employee duties within the modern framework of health and safety law including risk assessment and employee consultation.

The HSE have extensive powers to enforce the law. These include the ability to serve improvement and prohibition notices as well as unlimited fines in serious cases.



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The Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations became law in the UK on the 1st April 1996.

The regulations implement the European Safety Signs Directive (92/58/EEC) which has been designed to standardise safety signage across Europe and ensure that with the free movement of labour, there is no risk of safety signs being misunderstood.

The Legislation:

- Requires employers to use a safety sign whenever there is a risk that cannot be controlled by any other means.
- Demands that all safety sign boards contain a pictogram as part of their intrinsic design features.
- Increases the number of safety symbols.
- Incorporates fire safety signs.



Use Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulation symbol designs when:

- You want your safety signs to look exactly like the illustration in the health and safety regulations 1996.
- You want your safety signs to reflect European designs currently in use.