



Safety Signage Talk

1. Introduction (1-2 minutes)

Why It Matters:

Welcome everyone! Today's safety talk focuses on **Safety Signage** – a visual communication tool used to alert workers and visitors to hazards, instructions, and safety measures to help reduce injuries and maintain a safe environment.

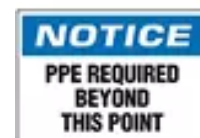
2. Key Safety Points (3-5 minutes)

Posted Signage

- **Always obey posted signs** - they're there for your protection.
- **Report damaged or missing signage** to your supervisor immediately.
- **Don't cover or block signs** with materials, equipment or tools.
- **During emergencies**, visible signage can help save lives.

Types of Safety Signs:

- **Caution Signs (Yellow Background/Black with Letters)**
 - Purpose: Indicate a potential hazard.
 - Example: "High Voltage," "Forklift Operating Area"
- **Danger / Prohibition Signs (Red, Black and White)**
 - Purpose: Tell you what **not** to do.
 - Example: "No Smoking," "Do Not Enter"
- **Mandatory Signs (Blue)**
 - Purpose: Indicate an **action that must be taken**.





- Example: “Wear Safety Glasses,” “Hearing Protection Required”

- **Safety Information Signs (Green)**

- Purpose: Show location of **first aid kit and eyewash**.
- Example: “First Aid Station,” “Eyewash Station”



- **Warning Sign (Orange)**

- Purpose: Serve as a warning to indicate potential hazardous conditions
- Example: “Machinery” “Traffic Worker Ahead”



- **Special Safety Signs (Various Colors)**

- Purpose: Used for biological, radiation, and other laboratory safety information. Show the **location of fire equipment**.
- Example: “Biosafety,” “Radiation Safety” “Laboratory Entrance”



3. Demonstration & Checklist (3-5 minutes)

- **Interactive Segment:** Invite questions and clarify any concerns.
 - Show a danger, caution or warning or other safety sign. Ask if anyone can share a time when a safety sign helped them avoid danger?
 - Explain some of the common safety signs in your work environment.
 - Have you noticed any missing or unclear signage in our work area?
- **Real-Life Example** - Over time, people become desensitized to repeated warnings, especially if no incident has occurred. This can lead to the perception that a warning is an overreaction and can be ignored. For example, an experienced worker entered a restricted area that had clear hazard warning signage stating: “DANGER: High Voltage Area – Authorized Personnel Only.” The individual, assuming there was no immediate danger, bypassed the sign to take a shortcut to another section of the site. Though no injury occurred, they came within close proximity of exposed electrical energized equipment. The situation was immediately reported and the worker was safely removed from the area.
- **Why It Happened:**
 - The worker **ignored posted warning signage**.



- The worker was **rushing** and chose convenience over safety.
 - There was a **lack of reinforcement** about safety signage by management.
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4. Conclusion (2 minute)

- **Summary:** Safety signs are not suggestions - they're there to save your life!
 - **Call to Action:** Always read and respect safety signage. Never take shortcuts. Report missing, damaged or unclear signs immediately. If you're unsure why a sign is there, stop and ask your supervisor for clarification.
 - **Thank you:** "Thank you for your time and attention today. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Stay alert, stay safe!"
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