

## An Introduction to Safety Signs

Be aware that throughout the College there are signs that help to keep you safe, give instruction in the event of a fire or accident, warn us of hazardous substances or conditions and remind us of things we should or should not do. Here are a few examples:



Fire action signs like this one, give you instruction on what to do and where to go should there be a fire in the College. They are generally found in corridors or near final exits. Take time to find one and read the instructions. Safety instructions will be on a blue background. Things you should not do will be on a red background



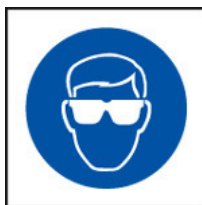
Signs with white symbols on a green background provide information when we may need help. A pictograph of a running man indicates a safe route to follow if there is a fire, for example, or a white cross tells us where we can find a first aider or first aid facilities.



Signs with a red circle with a diagonal line give us warning instructions of specified prohibitions or things that we can not do. The example on the left tells us that smoking is prohibited. The one on the right tells us that we should not enter the specified area.



Yellow triangular signs with black pictures warn us of dangers that are present. The sign on the left warns us of an electrical hazard, the one on the right indicates a risk of fire. Other warnings may be for slippery floors, on coming vehicles or compressed gases.



Blue signs with white symbols give mandatory instructions. These two examples tells us we must wear hearing protection and safety glasses when working or passing through the specified areas.



This type of warning sign (black symbol on an orange background) is usually found on bottles or tins containing a hazardous substance. Remember to read hazard warnings and the instruction label on containers before using any substance.