



## Safety Signs and Symbols

There are so many signs and symbols that we see every day.

It is important to be able to recognize and understand those related safety.

This video will highlight a few safety signs and symbols. There are many more. Take the time to learn about those you don't know.

Knowing these signs and symbols help you and others stay safe.



### Hospital Symbol

This symbol is a blue square with a capital letter H in the center.

This symbol represents that a hospital is nearby.

This symbol can be found on street signs or on buildings.



### Emergency Medical Services Symbol

This symbol is a usually a blue six-pointed star called the Star of Life. It is outlined by a white border. In the center of the star is an image of a rod and a serpent, which is a universal symbol of medicine.

This symbol represents that people provide emergency medical services.

This symbol can be found on ambulances and on uniforms emergency medical service providers. When this symbol is found in an elevator, it means that the elevator is large enough to carry a stretcher.



### **Authorized Personnel Sign**

This sign has a blue stripe with the word “NOTICE” notice written in white letters. Underneath the words “Authorized Personnel Only.”

This sign means that only those people who work where the sign is located are permitted into that area. Other people should not go into that location.

Most often this sign is found in businesses such as stores and banks.



### **A E D Symbol**

This symbol is a red heart with a white lightning bolt inside of the heart. The letters A E D are above the heart.

The letters AED mean Automated External Defibrillator which is a device that helps someone who’s heart may have suddenly stopped functioning.

This symbol represents that people provide emergency medical services.

This symbol can be found on the containers which contain an AED. AEDs can be found in many public buildings.



### **Fire Extinguisher Symbol**

This sign is a red rectangle with the words “fire extinguisher” written in white letters. There is a symbol of a white fire extinguisher.

This sign and symbol identify that there is a fire extinguisher located nearby. Usually, there is additional information that specifies the types of fire the fire extinguisher is used for. It is very important to read the entire sign before using any fire equipment.

This sign can be found in many public buildings and other areas. This symbol is found on most fire extinguishers, including those used in peoples' residences.



**WATCH YOUR STEP**

### **Watch Your Step Symbol**

This sign is a yellow triangle. The symbol on the sign is a black silhouette image of a person falling from tripping on a uneven ground surface.

This symbol is to alert people that there is an uneven floor or a step that a person may not notice.

This sign can be found in many public areas where people may walk or use a mobility device.



### **Slipping Danger Symbol**

This sign is a yellow triangle. The symbol on the sign is a black silhouette image of a person falling backwards. There are some squiggly lines on the ground underneath this image.

This symbol is to alert people that this area has an increased risk of slipping and falling. People should be cautious when walking or rolling in this area.

This sign can be found in many public areas where people may walk or use a mobility device.



### **No Smoking**

This symbol is a black silhouette image of a cigarette with smoke on top of the right side. There is a red circle around the cigarette and a diagonal line crossing over the image.

This symbol means that people are not permitted to smoke in this location.

Most often this sign is found on in public buildings, trains, buses, and airplanes, restaurants, and other areas where many people gather.



### **No Public Restroom**

This symbol is a black silhouette image to people. There is a red circle around the people and a diagonal line crossing over the image. Underneath the image are the word "No Public Restrooms."

This sign means that a restroom is not for public use. Visitors, guests, customers, and others who are not employees should not use this restroom.

This sign is most often found in retail stores and business offices.



### **No Cell Phone Symbol**

This symbol is a black silhouette image of a cell phone. There is a red circle around the cell phone and a diagonal line crossing over the image.

This symbol means that the use of cell phones is not permitted in the area. There may be many reasons including people concentrating and interference with other technology.

Most often this sign is found in public areas.



### **No Food Symbol**

This symbol is a black silhouette image of a cup with a straw and a sandwich. There is a red circle around the two images and a diagonal line crossing over them.

This symbol means that bringing food and eating is not permitted in the area.

Most often this sign is found in public areas.



### **No Pedestrian Crossing**

This symbol is a black silhouette image of a person walking. There is a red circle around the person and a diagonal line crossing over the image.

This sign means that people are not permitted to cross the roadway in this location. It is unsafe.

Most often this sign is found on roadways in different types of communities.



### **No Swimming**

This symbol is a black silhouette image of a person swimming in water. There is a red circle around the person and a diagonal line crossing over the image.

This symbol means that people are not permitted to swim at this location. The water may be too rough or deep, there may not be lifeguards in this area, or the location may be not open to the public.

Most often this sign is found in locations such as swimming pools, lakes, rivers, oceans, and other bodies of water.

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