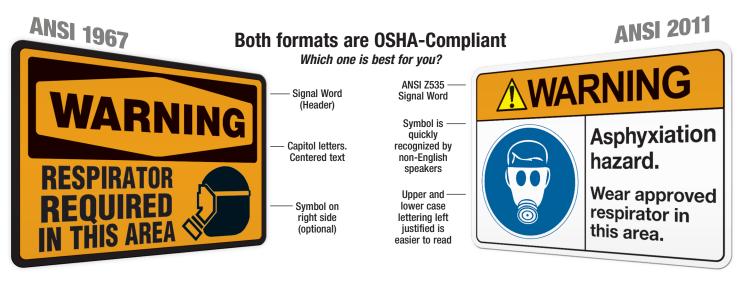


As part of a strong and effective safety and health program, your workplace safety signs must:

- **✓** Warn of workplace hazards
- ✓ Instruct employees on the proper care and precautions to take
- ✓ Protect against accidental injuries and property damage
- **✓** Comply with regulations and avoid fines

Choose the appropriate Signal Word (Header) ANSI 2011 ANSI 1967 Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not **A DANGER** DANGER **DANGER** Red: avoided, will result in death or serious injury. Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not Orange: WARNING **△WARNING WARNING** avoided, could result in death or serious injury. Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not Yellow: CAUTION **△CAUTION** CAUTION avoided *could* result in *minor* or *moderate injury* Blue: **NOTICE** Indicates information considered important **NOTICE** NOTICE but not hazard-related. **SAFETY** FIRST SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS **Green: SAFETY FIRST/THINK** Indicates specific safety related instructions or procedures that are related to safe work practices



Which Version is Best for Me?

| ANSI 1967 | ANSI 2011 |
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| Over 90% of Safety Signs in US follow this format | Less often used in US workplace |
| Short messages quickly understood | Can tend to be "wordy" |
| May or may not use symbols | Standardized symbols are always incorporated |
| Upper case letters with centered text | Upper & lower case letters with text flush left can be easier to read |
| Includes the action statement but may not incorporate the hazard description, consequence statement, and emergency information | May provide additional protection (including litigation protection) by including hazard statement, the consequence of the hazard, and emergency information |
| Signs without symbols may not be as readily understood by non-English speakers | May be more understandable to non-English speakers |

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