

Signs, Signals and Barricades

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22.1 PURPOSE

To ensure areas where caution is to be taken or areas where warnings must be provided will be properly marked.

22.2 GENERAL

Signs, barricades and caution tapes must be visible and easy to read at all times. Caution tape, snow fence, pennants and similar materials must **never** be used as a guardrail for fall hazards.

Warning and caution signs are considered to be hazard “controls” of last resort. Hazards should be eliminated through engineering and administrative controls whenever possible.

Hazard warnings and cautionary placarding should always be removed when the hazard ceases to exist.

22.3 TYPES OF SIGNS, WARNING SIGNS AND NOTICE SIGNS

22.3.1 Danger signs will be used only where an immediate hazard exists. The danger sign will be predominately red for the upper panel; black outline on the border, with a white lower panel for additional sign wording.

22.3.2 Caution signs will be used only to warn against potential hazards or to caution against unsafe acts. The caution sign will be predominately yellow with black upper panel and borders, yellow lettering of caution on the black panel and the lower yellow panel for additional sign wording.

22.3.3 Exit signs will be posted at all T.A. Woods Company permanent and temporary office facilities. The exit sign will be lettered in legible red letters.

22.3.4 Safety instruction signs will be predominately green lettering with a white background.

22.3.5 Traffic signs will be posted at all facilities in accordance with the ANSI D6.1-1988 manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for streets and highways.

22.3.6 Personal protective signs may vary in color and will be posted as necessary where PPE is to be worn. The following are examples:

- Grinder – goggles or face shield required.
- Chipping Hammer – goggles or face shield and hearing protection required.
- Fabrication Facility- eye protection

22.4 ACCIDENT PREVENTION TAGS

When accident prevention tags are necessary, they are to be used as a temporary means of warning employees of existing hazards such as defective tools or equipment. An important part of proper usage of this tag would be in a lock out/tag out situation as described in Chapter 17.

22.5 BARRICADES

Barricades are to be used whenever there is a potential for danger from vehicles, potentially dangerous obstructions, overhead work, holes in decks, trenches, work tasks that may affect other than the direct employees, etc. The proper barricade tape must be selected and strung so that it is clearly visible and does not cause potential hazards in itself. Barricades will be set at least six feet back from hazards or a standard guardrail will be installed. Barricades will be removed when the hazard no longer exists.

22.6 FLAGMEN

When operations are such that signs, signals, and barricades do not provide the necessary protection on or adjacent to highway or street, flagmen or other appropriate traffic controls must be provided. Standards traffic control procedures will be implemented.