2010 A New Year, a new direction for safety signage

Examples of some of the changes you can expect to see heading your way soon:

WARNING

PROHIBITION

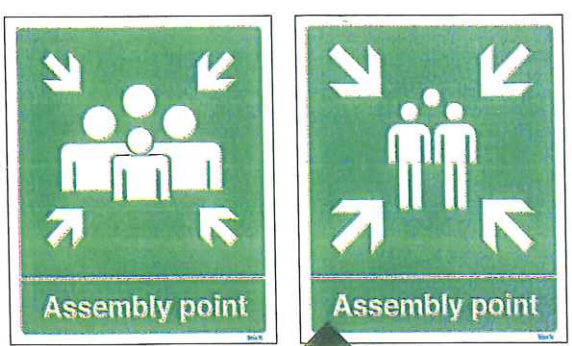
MANDATORY

This year will see the adoption of a new standard for safety signs as ISO 7010 is soon to become Pr EN 7010.

The change will see safety signs in the workplace move away from being an 'international standard' (essentially a recommendation on best practice), to a European Norm (meaning the contents of the standard must be written into UK and EU Law).

ISO 7010 has been developed to provide a consistency in design across the EU. By using common pictograms and symbols a universal recognition of safety signs will be encouraged. It will mean that a fire exit sign in the UK will look the same as it would in any other European country.

Many of the new designs are based upon BS5499 standards (a standard we have conformed to since its introduction in 2002). We will be phasing in the new designs throughout 2010 and you will notice some significant changes, whereas others will be tweaked to make them technically correct but look virtually the same as existing versions.



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