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Signaux de sécurité relatifs à l'eau et drapeaux de sécurité pour les plages —

Partie 1: Spécifications des signaux de sécurité relatifs à l'eau utilisés sur les lieux de travail et dans les lieux publics



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Foreword

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ISO 20712 consists of the following parts, under the general title Water safety signs and beach safety flags:

- Part 1: Specifications for water safety signs used in workplaces and public areas
- Part 2: Specifications for beach safety flags Colour, shape, meaning and performance
- Part 3: Guidance for use

Introduction

There is a need to standardize a system giving safety information related to aquatic activity that relies as little as possible on the use of words to achieve understanding.

Continued growth in international trade, travel and mobility of labour requires a common method of communicating safety information.

Lack of standardization may lead to confusion and perhaps accidents.

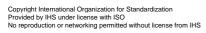
The use of standardized safety signs does not replace proper work methods, instructions and accident prevention training and/or measures. Education is an essential part of any system that provides safety information.

This part of ISO 20712 is intended to be used by all Technical Committees within ISO charged with developing specific safety signing in places of aquatic activity to ensure that there is only one safety sign for each safety meaning. It is also intended that this part of ISO 20712 be revised regularly to include safety signs as they are standardized by ISO, and which conform to the principles given in ISO 3864-1 and the design criteria given in ISO 3864-3.

NOTE 1 Some countries' statutory regulations may differ in some respect from those given in this part of ISO 20712.

NOTE 2 Some countries may differ in some respect from the requirements given in this part of ISO 20712 in that they use the diamond geometric shape for warning signs.

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Water safety signs and beach safety flags —

Part 1:

Specifications for water safety signs used in workplaces and public areas

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 20712 prescribes water safety signs intended for use in connection with the aquatic environment. It is intended for use by owners and operators of aquatic environments and by manufacturers of signs and equipment. However, it is not applicable to signalling used for maritime traffic.

The shape and colour required to be used for safety signs, as prescribed by ISO 3864-1, are given together with the graphical symbols contained within each sign. The water safety sign originals meet the design criteria of ISO 3864-3.

This part of ISO 20712 specifies the water safety sign originals that may be scaled for reproduction and application purposes.

This part of ISO 20712 includes water safety signs which require that supplementary text signs be used in conjunction with these water safety signs to improve comprehension.

NOTE The criteria of acceptability adopted by ISO/TC 145/SC 2 are given on website www.iso.org/tc145/sc2.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3864-1, Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas

ISO 3864-3, Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 3: Design principles for graphical symbols for use in safety signs

ISO 9186-1, Graphical symbols — Test methods — Part 1: Methods for testing comprehensibility

ISO 17724, Graphical symbols — Vocabulary

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Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17724 and the following apply.

3.1

aquatic environment

areas such as coastal and inland beaches and waterways, swimming pools and their facilities, and other bodies of water, slurry and other agricultural and industrial liquids storage

3.2

format of application

type of object on which the symbol or sign is intended to be used

3.3

referent

idea or object that a safety sign is intended to represent

safety sign original

safety sign with which a referent, a graphical representation and a description of the application are associated

Referents and categorization of water safety signs

4.1 General

The summaries in 4.2 and 4.3 are provided to facilitate the search for standardized water safety signs.

Referent (safety meaning)

Table 1 gives the list of referents in alphabetical order and provides the water safety sign functional reference number.

Table 1 — Summary of referents by alphabetical order

Referent	Functional reference number	
(safety meaning)	Functional reference number	
Boating area, warning	WSW016	
Crocodiles, alligators or caymans, warning	WSW025	
Deep shelving beach, warning	WSW024	
Deep water, warning	WSW005	
High surf or large breaking waves, warning	WSW023	
Incoming tides, warning	WSW018	
Keep children under supervision in the aquatic environment	WSM002	
Kite surfing, warning	WSW020	
No body boarding	WSP016	
No diving	WSP005	
No jumping into water	WSP014	
No kite surfing	WSP018	
No manually powered craft	WSP008	
No mechanically powered craft	WSP009	
No outdoor footwear	WSP013	
No parasailing	WSP019	
No personal water craft	WSP010	
No pushing into water	WSP015	
No running	WSP001	
No sailing	WSP006	
No sand yachting	WSP020	
No snorkelling	WSP003	
No sub-aqua diving	WSP004	
No surf craft	WSP012	
No surfing between the red-and-yellow flags	WSP017	
No swimming	WSP002	
No towed water activity	WSP011	
No windsurfing	WSP007	
Parasailing, warning	WSW021	
Public rescue equipment	WSE001	
Quicksand or mud/deep mud or silt, warning	WSW019	
Sand yachting, warning	WSW017	
Sewage effluent outfall, warning	WSW013	
Shallow water (diving), warning	WSW006	
Sharks, warning	WSW012	

Table 1 (continued)

Referent (safety meaning)	Functional reference number
Slipway, warning	WSW002
Strong currents, warning	WSW015
Strong winds, warning	WSW022
Submerged objects, warning	WSW007
Sudden drop in swimming or leisure pools, warning	WSW008
Surf craft area, warning	WSW004
Thin ice, warning	WSW001
Towed water activity area, warning	WSW003
Tsunami evacuation area	WSE002
Tsunami evacuation building	WSE003
Tsunami hazard zone, warning	WSW014
Unprotected edges, warning	WSW009
Unstable cliff, warning	WSW011
Unstable cliff edge, warning	WSW010
Wear personal flotation devices	WSM001

Categorization of water safety signs

Water safety signs are categorized according to their function as follows:

- is the category for means of escape and emergency equipment signs (safe condition signs);
- M is the category for mandatory action signs;
- Ρ is the category for prohibition signs;
- is the category for warning signs.

Table 2 summarizes the standardized safety signs used in workplaces and public areas in terms of function category, graphical symbol and geometric shape and colour as specified in ISO 3864-1.

5 Standardized water safety signs

Tables 3 to 6 give safety sign originals in a uniform 70 mm size with corner marks to enable accurate enlargement and reduction scaling. The sign illustrations are shown without borders in order to allow for consistent reproduction scaling, though the use of borders is encouraged as defined by ISO 3864-1. The safety signs should be reproduced exactly as shown in Tables 3 to 6. However some degree of graphical modification is permitted when cultural differences or special application formats need to be considered, provided the original meaning is retained and comprehension of the sign is maintained. Consistent reproduction and use of these safety signs will lead to a progressively improved degree of comprehension at the international level.

In cases where the orientation of the symbol is not essential to its meaning, the orientation may be changed.

A graphical symbol may be depicted in outline or filled-in form.

Tables 3 to 6 present the safety sign originals according to their category as follows:

— E	Means of escape and emergency equipment signs (safe condition signs)	see Table 3
— М	Mandatory action signs	see Table 4
— Р	Prohibition signs	see Table 5
— W	Warning signs	see Table 6

Tables 3 to 6 also give a description of the application used for each safety sign.

Table 2 — Summary of all safety signs

	Category			
Safety sign, reference number and referent	E	М	Р	w
	Means of escape and emergency equipment signs	Mandatory action signs	Prohibition signs	Warning signs
Safety sign			J.	
Reference number Referent	WSE001 Public rescue equipment	WSM001 Wear personal flotation devices	WSP001 No running	WSW001 Warning; Thin ice
Safety sign	T.			
Reference number Referent	WSE002 Tsunami evacuation area	WSM002 Keep children under supervision in the aquatic environment	WSP002 No swimming	WSW002 Warning; Slipway
Safety sign		_		
Reference number Referent	WSE003 Tsunami	_ _	WSP003 No snorkelling	WSW003 Warning; Towed water
	evacuation building			activity area
Safety sign	_	_	R	
Reference number Referent		<u> </u>	WSP004 No sub-aqua diving	WSW004 Warning; Surf craft area
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent			WSP005 No diving	WSW005 Warning; Deep water

Table 2 (continued)

		Category			
	Safety sign,	E	М	Р	w
	reference number and referent	Means of escape and emergency equipment signs	Mandatory action signs	Prohibition signs	Warning signs
	Safety sign	_	_		
	Reference number Referent	<u> </u>		WSP006 No sailing	WSW006 Warning; Shallow water (diving)
	Safety sign	_	_		
	Reference number Referent		_	WSP007 No windsurfing	WSW007 Warning; Submerged objects
	Safety sign	_	_		
	Reference number Referent	_ _	_ _	WSP008 No manually powered craft	WSW008 Warning; Sudden drop in swimming or leisure pools
	Safety sign		_		
	Reference number Referent			WSP009 No mechanically powered craft	WSW009 Warning; Unprotected edges
	Safety sign	_	_		
	Reference number Referent			WSP010 No personal water craft	WSW010 Warning; Unstable cliff edge

Table 2 (continued)

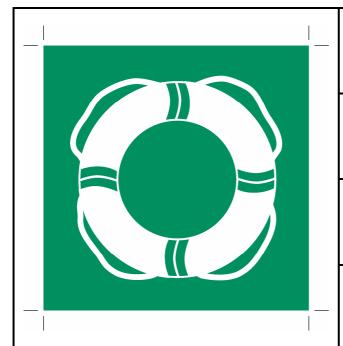
	Category			
Safety sign, reference number and referent	E	М	Р	w
	Means of escape and emergency equipment signs	Mandatory action signs	Prohibition signs	Warning signs
Safety sign	-	_	(Zi)	
Reference number Referent		_ _	WSP011 No towed water activity	WSW011 Warning; Unstable cliff
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent	- -	_ _	WSP012 No surf craft	WSW012 Warning; Sharks
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent		_ _	WSP013 No outdoor footwear	WSW013 Warning; Sewage effluent outfall
Safety sign	_	_	THE STATE OF THE S	
Reference number Referent	_ _	_ _	WSP014 No jumping into water	WSW014 Warning; Tsunami hazard zone
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent	<u>-</u>	_ _	WSP015 No pushing into water	WSW015 Warning; Strong currents

Table 2 (continued)

	Category			
Safety sign, reference number and referent	E	М	Р	w
	Means of escape and emergency equipment signs	Mandatory action signs	Prohibition signs	Warning signs
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent	_ _	<u>-</u> -	WSP016 No body boarding	WSW016 Warning; Boating area
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent	_ _	_ _	WSP017 No surfing between the red-and-yellow flags	WSW017 Warning; Sand yachting
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent	_ _	_ _	WSP018 No kite surfing	WSW018 Warning; Incoming tides
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent	_ _	_ _	WSP019 No parasailing	WSW019 Warning; Quicksand or mud/deep mud or silt
Safety sign	_	_		
Reference number Referent	_ _	<u> </u>	WSP020 No sand yachting	WSW020 Warning; Kite surfing

	Category			
Safety sign, reference number and referent	E	М	Р	w
	Means of escape and emergency equipment signs	Mandatory action signs	Prohibition signs	Warning signs
Safety sign	_	_	_	
Reference number Referent		1-1	_ _	WSW021 Warning; Parasailing
Safety sign	_		_	
Reference number Referent		_ _		WSW022 Warning; Strong winds
Safety sign	_	_	_	Page 1
Reference number Referent	<u> </u>		=	WSW023 Warning; High surf or large breaking waves
Safety sign	_	_	_	
Reference number Referent	_ _	_ _		WSW024 Warning; Deep shelving beach
Safety sign	_	_	_	
Reference number Referent	_ _	_ _		WSW025 Warning; Crocodiles, alligators or caymans

Table 3 — Description and application of referent for means of escape and emergency equipment signs (safe condition signs) (category E)



Reference No.

WSE001

Referent

Public rescue equipment

Function

To indicate the location of water life-saving equipment (public rescue equipment)

Image content

Lifebelt ring with rope

Hazard

Not being able to locate the public rescue equipment which is provided to assist in the avoidance of drowning

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

People being aware of location of public rescue equipment at the time of need

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

People not being aware of location of public rescue equipment at the time of need

Need

The use of public rescue equipment can reduce the risk of injury or drowning.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In aquatic environments; water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.



Reference No.

Referent

Tsunami evacuation area

WSE002

Function

To indicate the location of a safe place/uphill area for evacuation to in the event of a tsunami

Image content

Human figure between a slope of land mass and a tsunami wave

Hazard

Tsunami wave originating from an ocean-floor seismic event in which people could be caught if they have not reached the tsunami evacuation area

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Evacuation from coastal/beach zone towards higher place/hill in the event of an earthquake or when a tsunami warning has been issued

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Remaining in the costal/beach zone or running in the sea or wrong direction when a tsunami warning has been issued Need

Although tsunami mitigation plans have been prepared and are available to civil protection agencies, they shall be complemented by signs that advise the population on directions to take to tsunami evacuation areas. People can be injured or drowned if they are not given indication of location of tsunami evacuation areas and directions to them.

Related referents

WSE003, WSW014

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Multiple signs in relevant coastal/beach zones and evacuation routes, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In tsunami hazard zones, signing of evacuation routes to tsunami evacuation areas should consist of WSE002 supplemented by the appropriate direction arrow ISO 7010-E005 or ISO 7010-E006. WSE002 shall be used to indicate the location of a tsunami evacuation area.

Additional information

This water safety sign has been the subject of extensive research by the Japanese government and has also been requested by UNESCO as part of an overall approach to a management strategy designed to mitigate the disastrous effects of a tsunami wave. The design selected has received the best comprehension results and is specific to the special circumstances of the tsunami hazard. Supplementary text shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.



Reference No.

WSE003

Referent

Tsunami evacuation building

Function

To indicate the location of a safe building for evacuation in the event of a tsunami

Image content

Human figure between a building and a tsunami wave

Hazard

Tsunami wave originating from an ocean-floor seismic event in which people could be caught if they have not reached the tsunami evacuation building

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Evacuation from coastal/beach zone towards a tsunami evacuation building in the event of an earthquake or when a tsunami warning has been issued

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Remaining in the coastal/beach zone or running in the sea or wrong direction when a tsunami warning has been issued

Need

Although tsunami mitigation plans have been prepared and are available to civil protection agencies, they shall be complemented by signs that advise the population on directions to take to tsunami evacuation buildings. People can be injured or drowned if they are not given indication of location of tsunami evacuation buildings and directions to them.

Related referents

WSE002, WSW014

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Multiple signs in relevant coastal/beach zones and evacuation routes, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In tsunami hazard zones, signing of evacuation routes to tsunami evacuation buildings should consist of WSE003 supplemented by the appropriate direction arrow ISO 7010-E005 or ISO 7010-E006. WSE003 shall be used to indicate the location of a tsunami evacuation building.

Additional information

This water safety sign has been the subject of extensive research by the Japanese government and has also been requested by UNESCO as part of an overall approach to a management strategy designed to mitigate the disastrous effects of a tsunami wave. The design selected has received the best comprehension results and is specific to the special circumstances of the tsunami hazard. Supplementary text shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.

Table 4 — Description and application of referent for mandatory action signs (category M)



Reference No.

WSM001

Referent

Wear personal flotation devices

Function

To signify that personal flotation devices (lifejackets) must be worn

Image content

Human figure wearing personal flotation device (lifejacket)

Hazard

Not using a personal flotation device can result in a person drowning

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Wearing personal flotation device (lifejacket)

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Neglecting the dangers of drowning and not wearing personal flotation device (lifejacket)

Personal flotation devices are needed in an emergency to help avoid drowning.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In aquatic environments; water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.

Reference No.

WSM002

Referent

Keep children under supervision in the aquatic environment

Function

To signify that children must be kept under supervision in the aquatic environment

Image content

Top part of large human figure, top part of small human figure with raised arm, arrow, two wavy lines

Hazard

Children being in water where they could get into difficulties

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Adults supervising children playing in water or swimming

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Children playing in water or swimming without the supervision of adults

Need

Many young children drown in pools whilst unsupervised.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas, products

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals, product safety labels

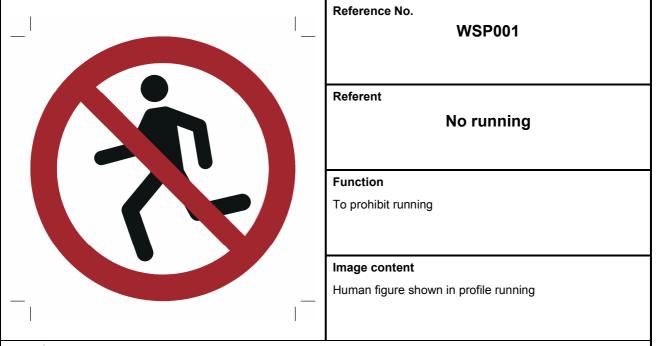
Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools. Each place and time where children could be unsupervised

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol did not reach the criteria of acceptability. Consequently, a supplementary text sign shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.

Table 5 — Description and application of referent for prohibition signs (category P)



Hazard

Falling or colliding caused by running

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No running

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Running

Need

People can injure themselves or others when running in areas beside swimming pools and in other areas.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

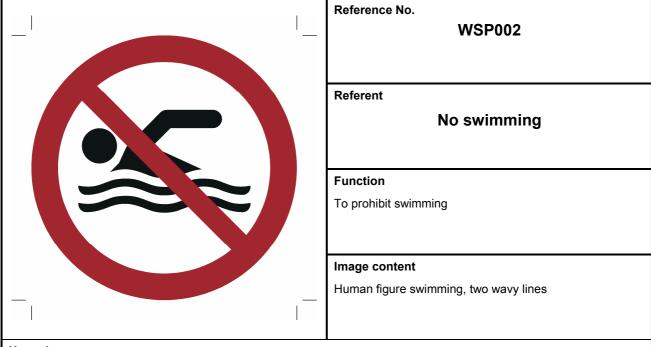
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools and other areas

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.



Hazard

Water conditions or environment hazardous to swimmers

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No swimming

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Swimming

Need

People can be injured or drowned if they swim in hazardous locations.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

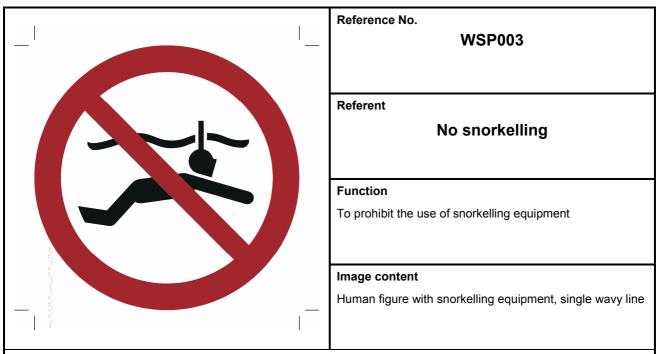
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are not available from more than one country. Findings from national testing, however, showed that in one country the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.



Hazard

Snorkellers and their equipment being in an area where they could collide with other people or craft in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No snorkelling

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Snorkelling

Need

People can be injured or drowned if there is a collision with snorkellers and their equipment, including boat or water craft users who may be unaware of the hidden danger beneath the water in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

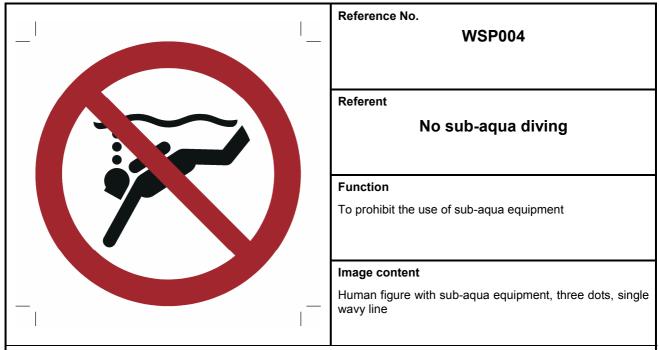
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

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Hazard

Sub-agua divers and their equipment being in an area where they could collide with other people or craft in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No sub-aqua diving

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Sub-aqua diving

Need

People can be injured or drowned if there is a collision with sub-aqua divers and their equipment, including boats or water craft users who may be unaware of the hidden danger beneath the water in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

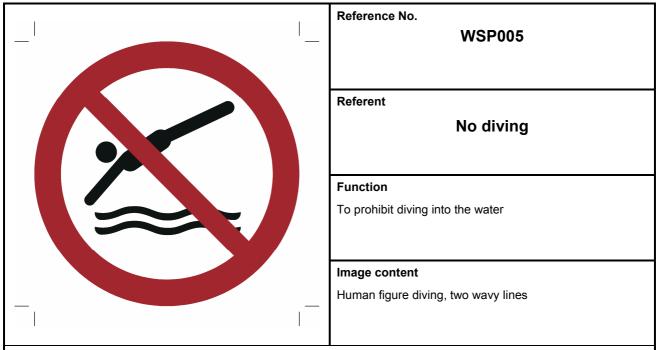
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are not available from more than one country. Findings from national testing, however, showed that in one country the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.



Hazard

Divers being in an area where they could collide with other people or encounter other hazards in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No diving

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Diving

Need

People can injure or drown themselves or others by diving in hazardous locations or areas of aquatic activity.

Related referents

WSW006, WSW007

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

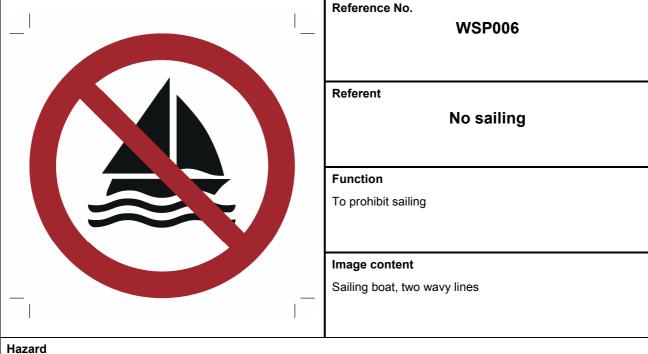
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are not available from more than one country. Findings from national testing, however, showed that in one country the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.



Sailing boats being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No sailing

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Sailing

Need

People can be injured or drowned if sailing boats enter an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

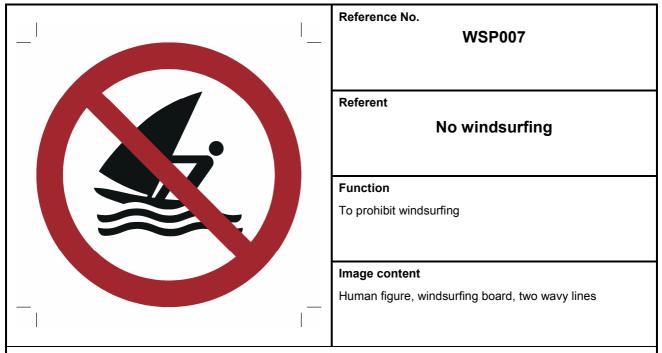
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.



Hazard

Windsurfing boards being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No windsurfing

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Windsurfing

Need

People can be injured or drowned if windsurfing boards enter an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP008

Referent

No manually powered craft

Function

To prohibit the use of manually powered craft (e.g. rowing, sculling, paddling, punting, pedalo)

Image content

Human figure, rowing boat, oar, two wavy lines

Hazard

Manually powered craft being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Not using manually powered craft

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Using manually powered craft

Need

People can be injured or drowned if manually powered craft enter an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP009

Referent

No mechanically powered craft

Function

To prohibit the use of mechanically powered craft

Image content

Mechanically powered craft, two wavy lines

Hazard

Mechanically powered craft being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Not using mechanically powered craft

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Using mechanically powered craft

People can be injured or drowned if mechanically powered craft enter an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP010

Referent

No personal water craft

Function

To prohibit the use of personal water craft (e.g. jet-ski)

Image content

Human figure, personal water craft, two wavy lines

Hazard

Personal water craft being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Not using personal water craft

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Using personal water craft

Need

People can be injured or drowned if personal water craft enter an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP011

Referent

No towed water activity

Function

To prohibit towed water activity (e.g. water skiing, wakeboarding, doughnuts, banana craft)

Image content

Human figure, water ski, tow rope, two wavy lines

Hazard

Water skis, wakeboards, doughnuts, banana craft or tow ropes being in an area where they could collide with people in

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Not carrying out towed water activity

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Carrying out towed water activity

Need

People can be injured or drowned if an activity involving towing takes place in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

WSW003

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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The tow rope needs to extend into the exclusion zone (as specified in ISO 3864-3) in order to convey clearly the image of a continuous tow rope extending outside the visual scene portrayed.



Reference No.

WSP012

Referent

No surf craft

Function

To prohibit the use of surf craft (e.g. surfboards, surf skis, surf kayaks)

Image content

Human figure, surfboard, two wavy lines, three curved lines

Hazard

Surf craft being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Not using surf craft

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Using surf craft

Need

People can be injured or drowned if surf craft enter an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

WSW004

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

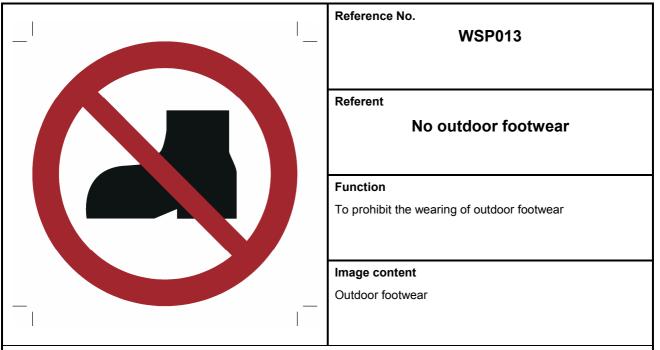
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Hazard

Slipping or falling or the spreading of contamination caused by the wearing of inappropriate footwear for the surface being walked upon

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Not wearing outdoor footwear or ensuring that footwear is protected by overshoes

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Wearing of outdoor footwear in inappropriate areas, such as swimming pool surroundings

Need

People can injure themselves or others by falling and can cause contamination within a normally barefoot area.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP014

Referent

No jumping into water

Function

To prohibit jumping into the water

Image content

Human figure with raised arms, jumping, filled segment, two wavy lines

Hazard

Being struck by person jumping into the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No jumping into the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Jumping into the water

Need

People can injure or drown others when jumping into the water in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP015

Referent

No pushing into water

Function

To prohibit pushing people into the water

Image content

Two human figures, one figure pushing the other figure, filled segment, two wavy lines

Hazard

Being struck by the person pushed into the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Not pushing people into the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Pushing people into the water

People can injure or drown others by pushing people into the water in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP016

Referent

No body boarding

Function

To prohibit body boarding (or boogie boarding)

Image content

Human figure, body board, two wavy lines

Hazard

Body boards being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No body boarding

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Body boarding

Need

People can injure or drown others when using body boards in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSP017

Referent

No surfing between the red-and-yellow flags

Function

To prohibit people using surf craft in designated swimming

Image content

Human figure, surfboard, two wavy lines, three curved lines, between two red-and-yellow rectangular shapes at the top of two vertical lines

Hazard

Surf craft being in an area where they could collide with people in the water, between two red-and-yellow flags

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No surf craft in designated swimming areas

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Surf craft in designated swimming areas

People can be injured or drowned if surf craft enter a designated swimming area

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

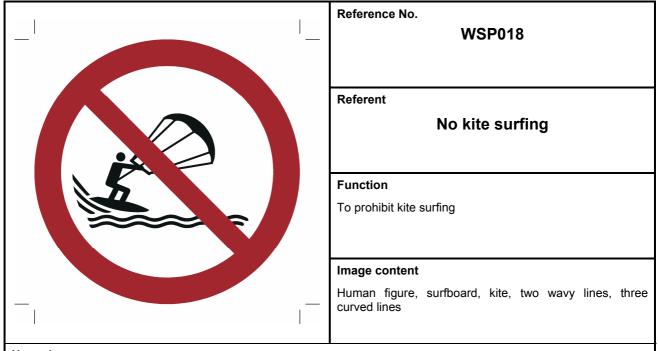
Context of use

In areas of aquatic activities where swimming areas and surfing may conflict, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

It is essential for the flags to be shown in this particular safety sign in the colours they are always used on the beach to ensure understanding of the safety message and avoid confusion with other flags. In these exceptional circumstances, the red and yellow colours of this element of the graphical symbol are shown, in addition to the normal contrast colour of black.

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Hazard

Kite surfers being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No kite surfing

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Kite surfing

Need

People can be injured or drowned if struck by a kite surfer in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

WSP019, WSW020, WSW021

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

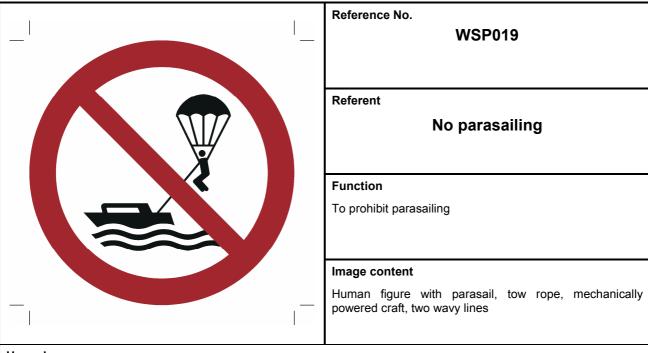
Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Hazard

Parasailors and mechanically powered craft being in an area where they could collide with people on or in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No parasailing

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Parasailing

Need

People can be injured or drowned if struck by a parasailor or a mechanically powered craft in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

WSP018, WSW020, WSW021

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

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Reference No.

WSP020

Referent

No sand yachting

Function

To prohibit sand yachting

Image content

Sand yacht, sail, vertical line, horizontal line, two wheels

Hazard

Sand yachts being in an area where they could collide with people on the beach

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

No sand yachting

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Sand yachting

Need

People can be injured or killed if struck by a sand yacht on a beach.

Related referents

WSW017

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

Referent

Warning; Thin ice

WSW001

Function

To warn of a hazard from going onto thin ice

Image content

Human figure falling, radiating pattern originating from end of leg

Hazard

Thin ice which people could fall through

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when going onto thin ice

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when going onto thin ice

People can be injured or drowned if they fall through thin ice.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW002

Referent

Warning; Slipway

Function

To warn of a hazard from a boat launching slipway

Image content

Sailing boat, wheel with bar, solid triangle, two wavy lines

Hazard

Collision with a slipway or trolley being used to launch or retrieve a boat

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

People in the water taking care to avoid the slipway and sailing boats being launched

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care near slipways

Need

People can be injured or drowned by colliding with equipment or boats near slipways.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW003

Referent

Warning; Towed water activity area

Function

To warn of a hazard from towed water activity (e.g. water skiing, wakeboarding, doughnuts, banana craft)

Image content

Human figure, water ski, tow rope, two wavy lines

Hazard

Water skis, wakeboards, doughnuts, banana craft or tow ropes being in an area where they could collide with people in

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering an area of towed water activity

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering an area of towed water activity

Need

People can be injured or drowned by colliding with water skis, wakeboards, doughnuts, banana craft or tow ropes in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

WSP011

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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The tow rope needs to extend into the exclusion zone (as specified in ISO 3864-3) in order to convey clearly the image of a continuous tow rope extending outside the visual scene portrayed.



Reference No.

WSW004

Referent

Warning; Surf craft area

Function

To warn of a hazard from surf craft (e.g. surfboards, surf skis, surf kayaks)

Image content

Human figure, surfboard, two wavy lines, three curved lines

Hazard

Surf craft being in an area where they could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering an area of surf craft activity

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering an area of surf craft activity

Need

People can be injured or drowned by colliding with surf craft in an area of aquatic activity.

Related referents

WSP012

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW005

Referent

Warning; Deep water

Function

To warn of a hazard from deep water

Image content

Human figure with raised arm, single wavy line, doubleended arrow pointing between the single wavy line and a horizontal line

Hazard

Area of water where people could get out of their depth

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering an area of deep water

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering an area of deep water

Need

People can be injured or drowned as a result of entering deep water.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

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A supplementary text sign may be used to give the depth of water.



Reference No.

WSW006

Referent

Warning; Shallow water (diving)

Function

To warn of a hazard from diving into shallow water

Image content

Human figure diving, head in contact with horizontal line, single wavy line

Hazard

Area of shallow water where people, if they dived, could strike the floor

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when diving in shallow water

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when diving in shallow water

Need

People can be injured or drowned as a result of diving into shallow water.

Related referents

WSP005, WSW007

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW007

Referent

Warning; Submerged objects

Function

To warn of a hazard from diving onto submerged objects in open water

Image content

Human figure diving, head and an arm in contact with objects, single wavy line

Hazard

Area of water where people, if they dived, could strike submerged objects

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care to avoid striking submerged objects

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Striking submerged objects

Need

People can be injured or drowned as a result of diving into the water and striking submerged objects.

Related referents

WSP005, WSW006

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW008

Referent

Warning; Sudden drop in swimming or leisure pools

Function

To warn of a hazard from sudden drop beneath water

Image content

Human figure falling, slope, horizontal line, single wavy line

Hazard

Drop/slope under the water where people could get out of their depth

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care to avoid sudden drops under the water or being suitably aware of the hazard

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Encountering a sudden unexpected drop under the water

Need

People can be injured or drowned when they unexpectedly encounter sudden changes in the depth of water.

Related referents

WSW024

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety, swimming pools

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW009

Referent

Warning; Unprotected edges

Function

To warn of a hazard from unprotected edges to an aquatic environment (e.g. at parking area, dock side)

Image content

Car falling, edge of a land mass and two wavy lines

Hazard

Vehicle falling over edge

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when driving to avoid going over an unprotected edge of an aquatic environment

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care whilst driving a vehicle on unprotected edges to the aquatic environment

People can be injured or drowned when a vehicle is accidentally driven into the water off unprotected edges of vehicle parking areas, roads and docks.

Related referents

WSW010

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

Areas of water where vehicles can accidentally be driven into the aquatic environment

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW010

Referent

Warning; Unstable cliff edge

Function

To warn of a hazard from unstable cliffs or cliff edges

Image content

Human figure falling, edge of land mass, vertical line of three irregularly shaped dots

Hazard

Falling off cliff

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care to avoid cliff edges

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Being near edges of cliffs

Need

People can be injured or killed when walking near cliff edges which can be unstable and therefore likely to collapse.

Related referents

WSW011

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

For use in areas where unstable cliffs exist, including construction cavities, slopes and quarries.

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW011

Referent

Warning; Unstable cliff

Function

To warn of a hazard from rocks from unstable cliff

Image content

Human figure, irregularly shaped land mass, group of four irregular shapes

Hazard

Falling rocks, unstable cliffs

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care to avoid being under cliffs that may be unstable

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Being under cliffs that may be unstable

People can be injured or killed by falling rocks from unstable cliffs.

Related referents

WSW010

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

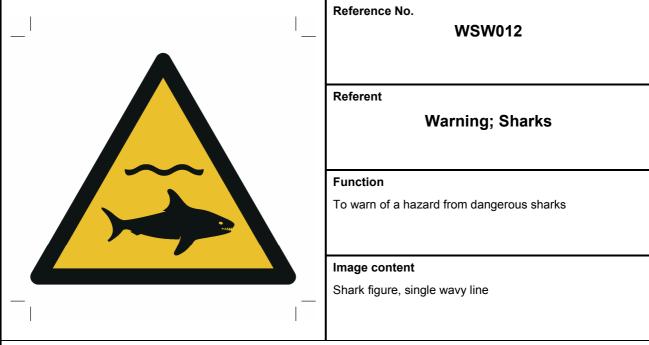
Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

For use in areas where unstable cliffs exist, including construction cavities, slopes, quarries and dangerous rock faces.

Additional information

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Hazard

Shark attack

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering the water due to the presence of dangerous sharks

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering the water in shark habitats

Need

In some areas inhabited sharks (such as feeding areas), there can be a need to warn people of the presence of sharks to avoid people being injured or killed.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

Context of use

For use in aquatic areas where dangerous sharks commonly inhabit waters and may attack people.

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW013

Referent

Warning; Sewage effluent outfall

Function

To warn of a hazard from sewage effluent outfall

Image content

Cylindrical shape, three curved lines, two wavy lines

Hazard

Flow of discharged water and unhygienic material

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care to avoid the discharge from the effluent outfall

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Coming into contact with the discharge from effluent outfall

People could suffer ill-health from contact with the effluent or could be injured or drowned when caught in an effluent discharge.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices and safety manuals

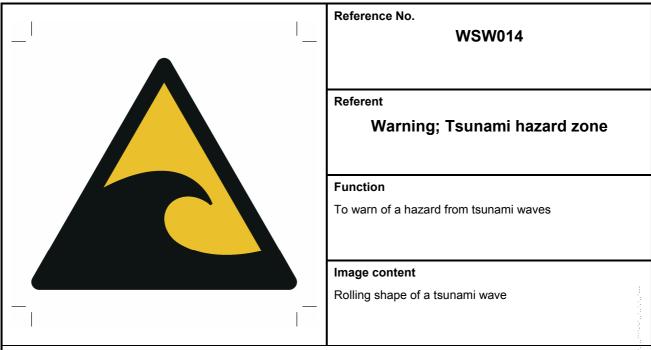
Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

The discharging pipe and ground may be dry.

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Hazard

Tsunami wave originating from an ocean floor seismic event in which people could be caught

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Evacuation from coastal/beach zone towards higher ground inland in the event of an earthquake or when a tsunami warning has been issued

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Remaining in the coastal/beach zone or running into the sea or wrong direction when a tsunami warning has been issued

Need

Although tsunami mitigation plans have been prepared and are available to civil protection agencies, they shall be complemented by signs that warn the population in zones that will be specifically affected in the case of a tsunami event (inundation areas). The population should immediately leave this zone in case of an earthquake. People can be injured or drowned and they need to be warned of potential danger.

Related referents

WSE002. WSE003. WSW023

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Multiple signs in relevant coastal/beach zones and evacuation routes, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In tsunami hazard zones. The tsunami hazard zone sign should be complemented by WSE002 or WSE003 that provide directions towards a safe area/evacuation area or tsunami evacuation building, respectively.

Additional information

This water safety sign has been the subject of extensive research by the Japanese Government and has also been requested by UNESCO as part of an overall approach to a management strategy designed to mitigate the disastrous effects of a tsunami wave. The design selected has received the best comprehension results and is specific to the special circumstances of the tsunami hazard. Supplementary text shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.

The particular circumstances of the tsunami wave and its nature as a vast volume of water indicated that, for exceptional reasons, the "exclusion zone" (as specified in ISO 3864-3) should be entered to gain the best comprehension test results.



Reference No.

WSW015

Referent

Warning; Strong currents

Function

To warn of the hazard from strong currents

Image content

Upper body of a human figure with arms raised, two wavy lines with arrow heads

Hazard

Strong currents hazardous to people undertaking aquatic activity

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering the water where there can be strong currents

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering the water where there can be strong currents

People can be injured or drowned if they are caught by strong currents.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety. In areas of water identified as having strong currents.

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol did not reach the criteria of acceptability. Consequently, a supplementary text sign shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.



Reference No.

WSW016

Referent

Warning; Boating area

Function

To warn of a hazard from boats (e.g. manually powered craft, mechanically powered craft, sailing craft)

Image content

Bow of boat with anchor, upper body of human figure with arms raised, two wavy lines

Hazard

Boats could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering areas where there is boat activity

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering areas where there is boat activity

Need

People can be injured or drowned if struck by boats.

Related referents

WSW004

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

Referent

Warning; Sand yachting

WSW017

Function

To warn of a hazard from sand yachting

Image content

Sand yacht, sail, vertical line, horizontal line, two wheels

Hazard

Sand yachts could collide with people on the beach

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering areas where there is sand yachting

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering areas where there is sand yachting

People can be injured or killed if struck by a sand yacht.

Related referents

WSP020

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW018

Referent

Warning; Incoming tides

Function

To warn of the hazard of being trapped by incoming tides

Image content

Human figure with arms raised standing between a high land mass and waves

Hazard

Incoming tides that could cause people to become trapped

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering areas which could be cut off by incoming tides

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering areas which could be cut off by incoming tides

Need

People can be injured or drowned if they become trapped by incoming tides.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety. In locations where incoming tides cut off egress.

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol did not reach the criteria of acceptability. Consequently, a supplementary text sign shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.



Reference No.

WSW019

Referent

Warning; Quicksand or mud/deep mud or silt

Function

To warn of the hazard of quicksand or mud

Image content

Upper body of a human figure with arms raised, solid mass

Hazard

Quicksand or deep mud in which people could become trapped

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering areas of quicksand or mud

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering areas where there is quicksand or mud

People are at risk of injury or drowning if they become trapped in quicksand or mud.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety. In locations of quicksand and mud.

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are not available from more than one country. Findings from national testing, however, showed that in one country the graphical symbol did not reach the criteria of acceptability. Consequently, a supplementary text sign shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.



Reference No.

WSW020

Referent

Warning; Kite surfing

Function

To warn of a hazard from kite surfing

Image content

Human figure, surfboard, kite, two wavy lines, two curved lines

Hazard

Kite surfers could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering areas where there is kite surfing

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering areas where there is kite surfing

Need

People can be injured or drowned if struck by a kite surfer.

Related referents

WSP018, WSP019, WSW021

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW021

Referent

Warning; Parasailing

Function

To warn of a hazard from parasailing

Image content

Human figure with parasail, tow rope, mechanically powered craft, two wavy lines

Hazard

Parasailors and mechanically powered craft could collide with people in the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering areas where there is parasailing

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering areas where there is parasailing

People can be injured or drowned if struck by a parasailor or by a mechanically powered craft.

Related referents

WSP018, WSP019, WSW020

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

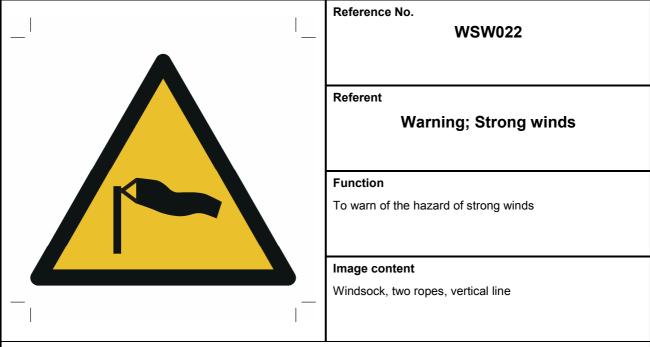
Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are not available from more than one country. Findings from national testing, however, showed that in one country the graphical symbol did not reach the criteria of acceptability. Consequently, a supplementary text sign shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.



Hazard

Strong winds can sweep people on or in the water away from the shore

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when going out on, or into, the water when there are strong winds

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when going out on, or into, the water when there are strong winds

Need

People can be injured or drowned if they are swept away from the shore by strong winds.

Related referents

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Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety. In locations where there strong winds and a flag is not able to be displayed.

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are not available from more than one country. Findings from national testing, however, showed that in one country the graphical symbol did not reach the criteria of acceptability. Consequently, a supplementary text sign shall be used to increase comprehension except when the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training.



Reference No.

WSW023

Referent

Warning; High surf or large breaking waves

Function

To warn of the hazard of high surf or large breaking waves

Image content

Wave with a high rolling shape above human figure falling backwards

Hazard

Large, rapidly moving mass of water in which people could be caught

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care when entering the water or getting too close to the water's edge, when there are large breaking waves

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care when entering the water or being near the water's edge, when there are large breaking waves

People can be injured or drowned if they are caught by large breaking waves.

Related referents

WSW014

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW024

Referent

Warning; Deep shelving beach

Function

To warn of a hazard from a sudden drop under the water

Image content

Human figure falling, edge of a land mass, six wavy lines

Hazard

Sudden drop to deep water at the edge of a land mass, such as a beach, where people could fall unexpectedly because of the sudden change in the depth of the water

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care to avoid sudden drops under the water or, being aware of these, taking suitable action when approaching them

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Encountering a sudden unexpected drop under the water

Need

People can be injured or drowned if they unexpectedly encounter a sudden drop under the water and lose their footing and fall.

Related referents

WSW008

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

In areas of aquatic activity, water safety, aquatic safety

Additional information

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Reference No.

WSW025

Referent

Warning; Crocodiles, alligators or caymans

Function

To warn of a hazard from crocodiles, alligators or caymans

Image content

Reptile head with open jaws, dot, two wavy lines

Hazard

Crocodile, alligator or cayman attack

Human behaviour that is intended to be caused after understanding the safety sign's meaning

Taking care in areas where crocodiles, alligators or caymans can be present

Human behaviour that is intended to be prevented

Not taking care in areas where crocodiles, alligators or caymans can be present

People can be injured or killed if they are caught by crocodiles, alligators or caymans.

Related referents

Field of application

Workplaces, public areas

Format of application

Safety signing, notices, safety manuals

Context of use

For use in aquatic areas where crocodiles, alligators or caymans commonly inhabit waters and may attack people.

Additional information

Test data obtained according to ISO 9186-1 are available from more than one country. Findings from testing showed that the graphical symbol exceeded the criteria of acceptability. A supplementary text sign may be used to increase comprehension. If the safety sign is supplemented by manuals, instructions or training, a supplementary text sign may not be required.

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