# Health and Safety Standard

# SAFETY SIGNAGE

#### 1 PURPOSE

This standard identifies SaskPower's requirements regarding safety and warning signs to be used on SaskPower facilities and equipment. The purpose is to provide guidance on the language and form of signs used to convey safety messaging to staff, contractors and the public.

#### 2 SCOPE

The scope of this standard is for the design of safety and warning signs used at SaskPower. This standard does not apply to signage and messaging not associated with safety hazards or information such as facility or equipment identification signage. This standard also does not identify or recommend where such signs are to be placed, or when they are required, this will be identified through Hazard/Aspect and Risk Assessment and subsequent development of controls or design standards. It also does not apply to signs or labels supplied by manufacturers on their equipment.

Safety and warning signs provide information and/or direction to promote the health and safety of persons and prevent injury or harmful effects.

This standard applies to all signage which OH&S Regulations or SaskPower Standards and Hazard Identification deem necessary to convey safety messaging to SaskPower staff, contractors and the public unless specified in other recognized standards, guidelines or regulations. Some examples include the Dam Safety Guidelines published by the Canadian Dam Association and traffic signs.

This standard outlines the minimum requirements that shall be met or exceeded. Failure to comply may result in injuries, environmental harm, damage to equipment and property, performance management or any combination thereof.

The use of the word "shall" within this standard denotes a mandatory action, whereas the use of the word "should" or "may" denotes a recommended action.



#### **3 REQUIREMENTS**

Safety signs shall be designed according to ANSI Z535-2011 (R2017) "Safety Alerting Standards" set of standards.

All new designs for safety signage shall follow this standard. Existing installed Safety signage which does not meet this standard shall be reviewed to ensure that the safety messaging is suitable and sufficient for the hazard being identified. Provided it is still suitable and sufficient, it is not required to be replaced except for other reasons such as deterioration.

#### **4 IMPLEMENTATION**

The requirements of this version of the standard are to be met within six months of the approval date at which time the previous version will be superseded.

#### **5 RESOURCES**

#### **5.1 INTERNAL RESOURCES**

Related Policies:	Hazard/Aspect and Risk Assessment Policy	
Related Standards:	Hazard/Aspect and Risk Assessment Standard	
Additional Information: Construction Standards Manual (CSM)		

#### 5.2 EXTERNAL RESOURCES

Related Legislation:	Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2020	
Related Standards:	CAN/ULC-S801-14, Standard on Electric Utility Workplace Electrical Safety for Generation, Transmission, and Distribution	
	Canadian Dam Association Dam Safety Guidelines ANSI Z535 2011(R2017) Safety Alerting Standards	



ANSI Z535.1 American National Standard for Safety Colors

ANSI Z535.2 American National Standard for Environmental and Facility Safety Signs

ANSI Z535.3 American National Standard for Criteria for Safety Symbols

ANSI Z535.4 American National Standard for Product Safety Signs and Labels

ANSI Z535.5 American National Standard for Safety Tags and Barricade Tapes (for Temporary Hazards)

ANSI Z535.6 American National Standard for Product Safety Information in Product Manuals, Instructions, and Other Collateral Materials



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