

# OSHA's New Safety Sign Standards





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Under OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard update, organizations can now use either the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) standards from 1967-1968 (ANSI Z53.1, Z35.1 & Z35.2) or from 2011 (ANSI Z535.1, Z535.2 & Z535.5) for safety signage.

Referencing both ANSI standards gives you the option to comply with either the old or new safety sign specifications. While you will not be fined if you don't update your signage to the new standard, there are benefits to it and the acceptance of the standard offers a good time to review your organization's visual workplace communications.

## The New ANSI Standard

As organizations adopt the latest ANSI standards, the U.S. will increasingly have uniform safety signage, leading to more effective communication and the ultimate objective of fewer accidents in the workplace. These standards truly move the industry forward when it comes to safety and worker protection by:

- Providing more information on hazards and how to respond to them
- Using more effective warnings, supported by research and modern risk assessment methodology
- Better accommodating multiple languages
- Including up-to-date warning standards and technology advancements

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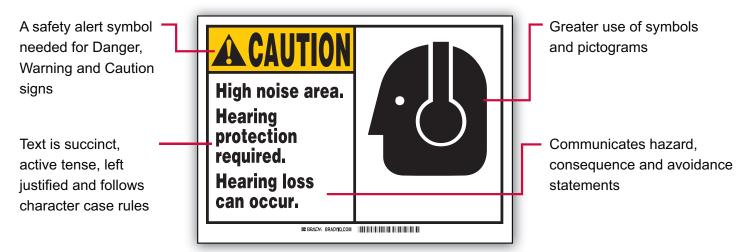
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## What is new to OSHA safety sign standard?

OSHA has adopted the 2011 ANSI Standard to better communicate potential hazards on safety signs.

#### New format:



### Old format:



It is also important to know that you will not be fined by OSHA if you do not use the new format. However, inspectors will document that your facility is not compliant with the new regulation on their report. For official comments visit OSHA's webpage on Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards.

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