

Accident Prevention Signs

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA 1910.145](#)) Specification for Accident Prevention Signs requires UNCW to train all employees in the wording and color coding of hazard signs they may encounter. Safety signs are used to indicate and define specific hazards that without identification may lead to accidental injury to workers and/or the public or to property damage.



The **Caution Sign** indicated a potentially hazardous situation, a hazard capable of resulting in severe but not irreversible injury or damage.



The **Notice Sign** provides information of a general type in order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding.



The **Safety Sign** includes notices of general practice and rules relating to health, first aid, medical equipment, sanitation, housekeeping and general safety.



The **Warning Sign** indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



The **Danger Sign** indicates an immediate hazard, a hazard capable of producing irreversible damage or injury.

Other signs on campus that you may encounter may include the following symbols. Do not enter these areas unless you are trained in their specific hazards.



Biohazardous Materials



Radioactive Materials