

Essential OH&S Site Safety Signage



Installing a pool on a property is classified as a construction site due to the nature of work, therefore appropriate signage must be in place before commencing any work.

Depending on the size and scope of the pool project, there should be a minimum of one general safety sign posted in a high traffic area and in clear view for the public. Additional signs may be required at all entrance points to the property.

In addition to the general safety sign, OH&S legislation requires that anyone entering or in close proximity to a construction site must be warned of all hazardous activities that could be related to the project.

Depending on the scope of the pool work (full installation, upgrade, landscaping etc) being carried out, additional signage will be required.

The owners of the house/property must be informed of their responsibility and obligation of not entering the work zone. The contractor should have a document 'Home Owners/Client OH&S Obligation document' to be agreed and signed off by all parties prior to commencing work.

There are four safety signs categories:

1. Mandatory Signs:

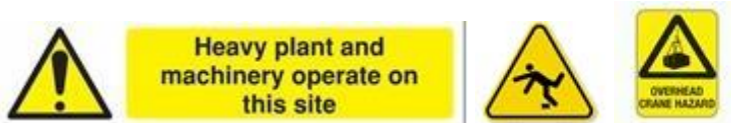
- Indicate some instructions that are to be carried out
- These signs are easily recognised by a white drawing inside a blue circle



Example: ear or eye protection required, hard hat zone, dust mask required, switch off after use, PPE required, keep locked etc

2. Warning Signs:

- Indicate the existence of a hazardous material or situation.
- These signs use black text or images on a yellow background



Example: work overhead, flammable material, slippery when wet, mobile plant (excavator), asbestos present, toxic vapours present

3. Danger Signs

- Warn people the presence of a potential life threatening danger
- These signs use a red oval with the word "Danger" in white letters against a black background



Example: crane working overhead, high voltage, deep excavation, asbestos removal in process, confined space,

4. Emergency Signs

- Emergency signs point the way to exits and first-aid or safety equipment
- These signs use a white picture or text on a green background



Example: Exit signs, way out, emergency assembly area

Direction Signs (not a requirement but good site practice)

- It's a good idea to post at all site entrances a sign that directs visitors to report to the site supervisor.
- Similarly, mandate that all new workers to the site, including subcontractors and tradespeople, are inducted to the site by the safety or site manager prior to beginning work.



Sub-contractor Details

It is recommended that pool builders have the following information from their sub-contractors.

- That all people performing construction work onsite are required to have written proof of having completed a general OH&S construction induction for the industry
- That all contractors have been inducted to the principle pool company OH&S requirements and documented
- The pool builder to obtain a copy of their (sub-contractor) training and endorsements for specialised equipment
- To have details of next of kin eg Name of kin, relationship, home phone, mobile number, in case of a medical emergency and /or accident