FREE WHS SIGN AUDIT CHECKLIST

National Safe Work Month — October 2026

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How to use this checklist: Walk your workplace with this printed checklist. Tick each item that is correctly in place. Note any missing or non-compliant signs in the 'Action' column. Use the NSS Product Category link to find replacements at nationalsafetysigns.com.au.

SYMBOL	Meaning	Sign colour under AS1319	Category
BLUE	MANDATORY — what workers MUST do	Blue background, white symbol/text	1
RED	PROHIBITION — what workers MUST NOT do	Red circle with diagonal bar, white background	2
YELLOW	WARNING — potential hazard present	Yellow background, black text/symbol	3
RED/BLACK	DANGER — immediate, life-threatening hazard	Red header 'DANGER', white body, black text	4
GREEN	EMERGENCY — exits, first aid, assembly	Green background, white symbol/text	5
RED/WHITE	FIRE SAFETY — fire equipment location	Red with white symbol/text	6

CATEGORY 1 — MANDATORY SIGNS (Blue — What workers MUST do)

✓	Checklist Item	Compliance Reference	NSS Product Category
[ ]	Hard Hat / Safety Helmet must be worn in this area	WHS Regulations 2017 r.44 / AS1319	Mandatory Signs — Head Protection
[ ]	Eye protection must be worn in this area	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1319	Mandatory Signs — Eye Protection
[ ]	Hearing protection must be worn in this area (areas >85dB)	WHS Regulations 2017 r.44 / AS/NZS 1336	Mandatory Signs — Hearing Protection
[ ]	High visibility clothing must be worn	WHS Regulations 2017 / Road Traffic Act	Mandatory Signs — Hi-Vis Clothing
[ ]	Safety footwear must be worn in this area	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1319	Mandatory Signs — Safety Footwear
[ ]	Safety gloves must be worn when handling chemicals	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1319	Mandatory Signs — Hand Protection
[ ]	Respiratory protection must be worn (chemical/dust areas)	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1716	Mandatory Signs — Respiratory
[ ]	First aid kit — location sign clearly displayed	WHS Regulations 2017 r.42 / AS1319	Mandatory Signs — First Aid
[ ]	Safety harness must be worn (working at heights >2m)	WHS Regulations 2017 r.79 / AS1891	Mandatory Signs — Safety Harness
[ ]	Hand wash required sign at all handwash stations	WHS Regulations 2017 / Food Standards	Mandatory Signs — Hygiene

CATEGORY 2 — PROHIBITION SIGNS (Red — What workers MUST NOT do)

✓	Checklist Item	Compliance Reference	NSS Product Category
[ ]	No smoking sign at all entries to no-smoking zones	WHS Regulations 2017 / State Tobacco Laws	Prohibition Signs — No Smoking
[ ]	No entry sign on all restricted and locked areas	WHS Act 2011 / duty of care	Prohibition Signs — No Entry
[ ]	Do not operate / lockout sign on isolated equipment	WHS Regulations 2017 r.210 / AS4024	Prohibition Signs — Do Not Operate
[ ]	No mobile phones in hazardous / explosive environments	WHS Regulations 2017 / Dangerous Goods Act	Prohibition Signs — No Mobile Phones
[ ]	No food or drink in chemical handling or storage areas	Food Standards Australia / WHS Regs	Prohibition Signs — No Food/Drink
[ ]	No naked flames / no ignition sources in fuel/chem areas	Dangerous Goods Act (state) / AS1319	Prohibition Signs — No Naked Flames
[ ]	No unauthorised persons sign at plant and restricted areas	WHS Act 2011 s.19	Prohibition Signs — No Unauthorised Entry
[ ]	Speed restriction sign where vehicle/pedestrian risk exists	WHS Act 2011 / Road Traffic Rules	Speed Restriction Signs

CATEGORY 3 — WARNING SIGNS (Yellow/Black — Potential hazard)

✓	Checklist Item	Compliance Reference	NSS Product Category
[ ]	Caution — forklift operating in this area	WHS Regulations 2017 r.208 / AS1319	Warning Signs — Forklift
[ ]	Warning — high voltage electrical equipment	AS/NZS 3000 / AS1319	Warning Signs — Electrical & Biological
[ ]	Caution — wet floor / slip hazard	WHS Act 2011 / AS1319	Warning Signs — Slip Hazard
[ ]	Warning — moving parts / rotating machinery	WHS Regulations 2017 r.208 / AS1319	Warning Machinery & Vehicle Signs
[ ]	Caution — watch your step / uneven surface	WHS Act 2011 s.19 / AS1319	Warning Signs — Trip Hazard
[ ]	Warning — chemical storage / hazardous substances	WHS Regulations 2017 r.346 / AS1319	Warning Toxic & Chemical Signs
[ ]	Caution — hot surface / burn risk	WHS Act 2011 / AS1319	Warning Signs — General
[ ]	Warning — biological hazard (laboratory/medical areas)	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1319	Warning Electrical & Biological Signs
[ ]	Caution — overhead crane / suspended loads	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1418	Warning Machinery & Vehicle Signs
[ ]	Warning — radiation hazard (applicable areas only)	Radiation Protection Act / AS1319	Warning Signs — General

CATEGORY 4 — DANGER SIGNS (Red/Black/White — Immediate life-threatening hazard)

✓	Checklist Item	Compliance Reference	NSS Product Category
[ ]	Danger — do not enter — authorised personnel only	WHS Act 2011 s.19 / AS1319	Danger Signs — General
[ ]	Danger — electrocution risk / electrical hazard	AS/NZS 3000 / AS1319	Danger Signs — Electrical
[ ]	Danger — moving parts / do not open guard	WHS Regulations 2017 r.208 / AS1319	Danger Machinery & Vehicle Signs
[ ]	Danger — confined space / do not enter without permit	WHS Regulations 2017 r.67 / AS2865	Danger Signs — Confined Space
[ ]	Danger — asbestos / do not disturb	WHS Regulations 2017 r.422 / AS1319	Danger Signs — General
[ ]	Danger — explosive atmosphere / no ignition sources	Dangerous Goods Act / AS1319	Danger Gas & Chemical Signs
[ ]	Danger — poisonous / toxic chemical storage	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1319	Danger Gas & Chemical Signs
[ ]	Danger — do not use this equipment (isolation tag)	WHS Regulations 2017 r.210 / AS4024	Danger Signs — Isolation Tags

CATEGORY 5 — EMERGENCY & FIRST AID SIGNS (Green — Safety information)

✓	Checklist Item	Compliance Reference	NSS Product Category
[ ]	Emergency exit signs — clearly visible from all work areas	AS3745 / BCA / AS1319	Emergency & First Aid Signs
[ ]	Emergency exit direction arrows — at all decision points	AS3745 / BCA Clause D4	Emergency & First Aid Signs
[ ]	Emergency assembly point — visible from all exits	AS3745-2010 Planning for Emergencies	Emergency & First Aid Signs
[ ]	First aid kit location sign — every kit clearly marked	WHS Regulations 2017 r.42 / AS1319	Emergency & First Aid Signs — First Aid
[ ]	Automated external defibrillator (AED) location sign	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS1319	Emergency & First Aid Signs
[ ]	Emergency eye wash / safety shower location sign	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS4775 / AS1319	Emergency & First Aid Signs
[ ]	Emergency contact numbers displayed — including triple zero	WHS Regulations 2017 / AS3745	Emergency & First Aid Signs
[ ]	Emergency stop location for plant and machinery	WHS Regulations 2017 r.205 / AS4024	Emergency & First Aid Signs

CATEGORY 6 — FIRE SAFETY SIGNS (Red/White — Fire equipment and procedures)

✓	Checklist Item	Compliance Reference	NSS Product Category
[ ]	Fire extinguisher location sign — above every extinguisher	AS2444 / BCA / AS1319	Fire Safety Signs
[ ]	Fire extinguisher type sign — A, B, C, E, F (correct type)	AS2444 / AS1319	Fire Safety Signs
[ ]	Fire hose reel location sign — all reels marked	BCA Clause E1.4 / AS1319	Fire Safety Signs
[ ]	Fire hydrant indicator — all hydrants signed	AS2419 / BCA	Fire Safety Signs
[ ]	Fire alarm call point (break glass) location sign	BCA / AS1670 / AS1319	Fire Safety Signs
[ ]	No smoking — fire risk areas (fuel storage, hay sheds)	Dangerous Goods Act / AS1319	Prohibition Signs — No Smoking
[ ]	Fire door — keep closed at all times	BCA Clause C3.7 / AS1319	Fire Safety Signs
[ ]	Fire danger rating display area (rural properties)	Fire and Emergency Services Act (state)	Parks Reserves & Environment Signs

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Sign / Location	Status	Action Needed	Notes / Product Ordered
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This checklist is provided as a guide only. Always refer to current AS1319, WHS Regulations 2017, and your state/territory WHS authority for regulatory requirements specific to your workplace.