



Information material  
**HSEQ SIGNS & SIGNALS**



# HSEQ

Health, Safety, Environment & Quality

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### Work safely or do not work at all

Work may only be started after Noordgastransport has granted permission. Read your work permit carefully and check that the risk-control measures described in it are indeed in place. Then take the risk-control measures required for the job you are going to undertake.

**STAY ALERT ON THE JOB.  
IF IN DOUBT: ASK. DO NOT  
START THE JOB OR, IF YOU  
HAVE ALREADY STARTED, STOP!**

*Since the first successful well on the Dutch continental shelf in 1970, Noordgastransport B.V. has grown into one of the largest transporters of natural gas extracted offshore. The company has ample expertise and experience and is continuously working towards the development of new techniques and improved methods. In doing so, safety always takes priority. Noordgastransport, therefore, wants all its employees, contractors and suppliers to pay the utmost attention to what we mean with 'putting safety first' and expects them to make a conscious contribution toward it.*



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### Types of health and safety signs and signals

- warnings
- prohibitions
- mandatory instructions
- other:
  - > fire-fighting equipment
  - > emergency escape routes
  - > additional information

### HSEQ signs and signals

HSEQ signs and signals contribute significantly to the safety of the work environment. They must immediately make it clear what hazards are present and what one has to do in the event of an alarm or an emergency situation. Every employee must therefore know the HSEQ signs and signals and observe them.

### Basic principles of the HSEQ sign-and-signal system

The HSEQ sign-and-signal system at Noordgastransport is primarily based on:

1. Safety, Health and Environment document (SHE) and Risk Inventory & Evaluation (RIE).
2. Workplace Instruction Cards (WIC) - Hazardous Substances.



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### HSEQ signboards – Warnings

- triangular sign
- yellow background colour
- black rim
- black pictograms



### HSEQ signboards – Mandatory instructions

- round sign
- blue background colour
- white pictograms



### HSEQ-signboards – Prohibitions

- round sign
- white background colour
- red rim with inclined red stripe
- black pictograms



### HSEQ signboards – Fire-fighting equipment

- square sign
- red background colour
- white pictograms



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HSEQ signboards  
– Rescue  
equipment,  
emergency escape  
routes, muster points



- square or rectangular sign
- green background colour
- white pictograms

HSEQ signs and signals  
in practice

At the location, warning, prohibition and mandatory instruction signboards are often used next or close to each other.



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### Storage vessels and storage tanks

Storage tanks carry the following markings:

- tank or vessel identification number and volume
- substance name
- hazard symbols



### Pipework

All piping at the location carries the following markings:

- substance name
- group colour
- hazard class
- flow direction



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### Hazardous substances

Storage facilities and emplacements are indicated using the general HSEQ signs.

### Safety markings/tapes

Marking or demarcation of certain components of the installation, obstacles or zones.



Questions? Additional information? You can always ask the person in charge.





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