The symbols in this directory are grouped into categories according to their nature: prohibition, hazards, public information, mandatory, highway and flags.

Each symbol has a code reference number that you should state on the order form (from the CD) when placing a sign order.
Prohibition

A prohibition symbol is a circle with a red outline and negation bar, and the symbol graphic should always be black.* A prohibition symbol should be used to tell people that specific behaviour is forbidden for safety reasons.

Red, Pantone 185 C
Black, Pantone Process black C
*P16 uses Pantone Process yellow C

Do not dive
Do not use inflatables
Do not jump
Do not kite surf

Do not sail
No towed activity
Do not climb on groynes
Do not climb on rocks

Do not use motorised craft
Do not parasail
Do not sand yacht
Do not surf

Do not climb on structures
Do not climb up cliffs
Do not dune jump
Do not launch

Do not swim
Do not use personal watercraft
Do not windsurf
Do not bodyboard

Fires are prohibited
No fishing
Do not swim around pier
Do not use watercraft around pier

Do not drink alcohol
Do not use manual watercraft
No dogs
Do not surf between red and yellow flags
## Hazards

A hazard symbol is a yellow equilateral triangle and the symbol graphic should always be black. A hazard symbol should be used to warn people of hazards or dangers that may cause harm.

All hazard supplementary text should be preceded with ‘Beware’.

Yellow, Pantone Process yellow C
Black, Pantone Process black C

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*H.22: If a suitable symbol is not shown please use H.22 and add appropriate supplementary text.

Note: Symbols were still being tested when this document went to print. Please contact the Secretary to the BSI Technical Committee PH/8 ‘Graphical Symbols’ for up-to-date symbols.
Hazards

- Manual water craft (H.25)
- Towed activity (H.26)
- Sewage (H.27)
- Shallow water (diving) (H.28)
- Unstable cliff edge (H.29)
- Unprotected edge (H.30)
- Unstable cliff (H.31)
- Fast moving tides (H.32)
- Lifeboats/ferries/crossing vessels (H.33)
- Flooding (H.34)
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- Uneven surface (H.42)
- Varying water depth (H.43)
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Public information

Public information symbols give information to the general public. The understanding of public information symbols is independent of language or occupational training.
Public information

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Tourist information 1.29
Personal water craft 1.30
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Lost children scheme 1.41
Police Community Support Officer 1.42
Escape route only 1.43*
Lifeboat/Coastguard 1.44

Towed water activity 1.33
Manual water craft 1.34
Groynes 1.35
Rowing 1.36
Sun safety 1.45

*1.43 Arrow can be orientated through 45° angles to represent direction of travel.
Public information

A public information symbol, with a negation bar should be used to tell people that specific behaviour is forbidden for comfort, rather than safety, reasons.

The negation bar should always be red.

Cardinal marks

Cardinal marks should be shown, where present, on the area maps on the Access signs.

Yellow, Pantone Process yellow C

Black, Pantone Process black C

Cardinal marks are placed in relation to a hazard as shown in the diagram.
Mandatory

A mandatory symbol is a blue circle. The symbol graphic should always be white. A mandatory symbol should be used to instruct people.

Blue, Pantone 299 C

Traffic

A traffic symbol is a circle with a red outline. The symbol graphic should always be black. A traffic symbol should be used to inform people of an order relating to vehicles.

Red, Pantone 185 C

Flag symbols

A mandatory symbol is a blue circle. The symbol graphic should always be white. A mandatory symbol should be used to instruct people.

Blue, Pantone 299 C

Traffic

A traffic symbol is a circle with a red outline. The symbol graphic should always be black. A traffic symbol should be used to inform people of an order relating to vehicles.

Red, Pantone 185 C

Black, Pantone Process black C
If you require a symbol that you cannot see here, please contact the Secretary to the BSI Technical Committee PH/8 ‘Graphical Symbols’. Contact details can be found inside the back cover of *The RNLI’s guide to slipway safety signs and symbols*. 