

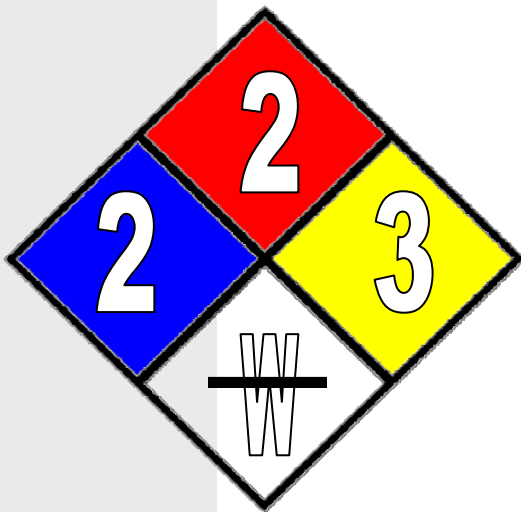


## Monthly Spotlight

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Signs are an important means of communication and safety signage in particular can provide critical information about various hazards. Like any form of communication there are certain barriers to understanding that could obscure an important message. This month's Monthly Spotlight is intended to review some safety signs and to remind you that you should know the meaning of all the safety signs in your work areas.

### NFPA Diamond



#### Flammability

- 0- Will not Burn
- 1- Must be preheated to Burn
- 2- Ignites when moderately heated
- 3- Ignites at normal temperature
- 4- Extremely Flammable

#### Reactivity

- 0- Normally Stable
- 1- Unstable if heated
- 2- Violent Chemical Change Possible
- 3- Strong shock or heat may detonate
- 4- May detonate

#### Health Hazards

- 0- Like Ordinary Material
- 1- Slightly Hazardous
- 2- Hazardous— use breathing App.
- 3- Extremely Hazardous- Full PPE
- 4- To Dangerous to enter- Vapor/Liquid

#### Special Hazards

- OXY- Oxidizer
- ALK- Alkali
- COR- Corrosive
- W- Water Reactive
- ACID- Acid

### Common Occupational Safety Signage found throughout the University:

- Take time to assess the signage found in your facility. Are hazards and safety equipment properly represented by a sign?
- Look at all tasks, machinery, and projects at your facility to determine if you have effective hazard signage.
- Contact EH&S for further questions involving safety signage.

