

Workplace Safety

Play it Safe at the Wheel: Safety Icons

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Learn to identify the different types of safety icons, including hazard alert, prohibition, mandatory action, and proper machine use icons.

Hazard Alert Icons

This type of safety icon conveys information primarily related to the nature of a hazard. It contains a graphical depiction of the hazard drawn within a yellow equilateral triangle.



Breaking wheel hazard.
Improper use may break
wheel and cause
serious injury or death.



Warning alert symbol.
A general hazard alert
symbol typically
followed by a written
warning containing the
signal word WARNING
and the warning
message panel.

Prohibition Icons

This type of safety icon conveys actions that should not be taken. It consists of a red circular band with a 45° diagonal red band from upper left to lower right. The icon contains a black depiction of what should not be done within the red band on a white background.



No side grinding.
Cutting only.



No cutting.
Side grinding only.



Do not use a damaged
wheel. Inspect the
wheel before use. Do
not use if damaged.



Do not use on High
Speed Gas
Saws. Stationary Chop
Saws only.



Do not use on Angle
Grinders.



Do not use on die
grinders

Mandatory Action Icons

This type of safety icon conveys actions that should be taken to avoid hazards. It consists of a white image within a solid blue or black circular surround shape.



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Read information.
Read, understand and
follow the safety guide
provided in the box,
OSHA and ANSI B7.1.
Visit the industry safety
page: safety.UAMA.org



Use wheel guard for
angle grinder. Always
use a wheel guard on
the machine. Never
remove or modify the
guard and make sure it
adjusted to properly
protect the user.



Use wheel guard for
non-portable
machine. Always use a
wheel guard on the
machine. Never remove
or modify the guard and
make sure it adjusted to
properly protect the
user.



Protect your eyes.
Always wear ANSI Z87+
approved safety
goggles.

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