

# Section 9

## Accident Prevention Signs and Tags

Signs and tags are used to identify specific hazards of a nature such that failure to designate them could lead to an injury. The following means of alerting employees of hazards will be used:

- **Signs:** in general, signs must be free of burrs, splinters or sharp projections and signs will be placed so that the sign itself does not constitute a hazard. Danger signs indicate immediate danger in which special precautions are necessary. Caution signs warn against potential hazards or unsafe practices. Safety signs are used for instructive purposes.
- **Tags:** are used to provide messages and act as a means of preventing accidental injury or illness. Tags are not to be construed as a complete warning method but should be used only until a positive means can be employed to eliminate the hazard. Some tags that will be used throughout the County are:

Danger tags are used where the hazard presents a threat of death or serious injury.

Caution tags should be used where a non-immediate or potential hazard or unsafe practice presents a lesser threat of injury.

Warning tags should be used where a non-immediate or potential hazard or unsafe practice presents a lesser threat of injury.

Biological tags identify substances, equipment or parts that are contaminated with hazardous biological agents.

- **Color Codes:** the safety color code for the identification of hazards will be used throughout the county and can be broken down to the following:

**Red:** Fire protection, danger, emergency stop buttons or electrical switches, emergency equipment.

**Orange:** Basic color for designating dangerous parts of machinery or energized equipment that can cut, crush, shock or otherwise injure.

**Yellow:** Caution, for marking physical hazards such as striking against, stumbling, tripping, falling and caught-in-between.

**Green:** Basic color for designating safety and the location of first aid equipment, safety eye wash stations and bottles and safety deluge showers.

Black/White or Combination: For the designation of traffic and housekeeping markings.