

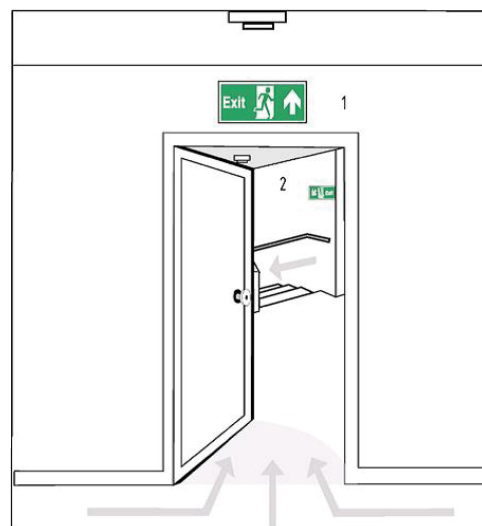
Introduced in 2013, the British Standard relating to safe signage, BS EN ISO 7010, is an international standard for consistent safety sign regulation across Europe. It specifies safety signs that use standardised symbols instead of words and reduces the potential for confusion and accidents by ensuring there is only one sign for each meaning.

Adopted in January 2013, replacing the previous British Standard BS5499-5. The standard applies to all locations where safety issues must be addressed, including but not limited to:

- Workplaces
- Other buildings
- Ships
- Public areas

It also includes signs that appear

- in manuals
- on notices
- product labeling
- escape and evacuation plans



There is no legal obligation to change existing signs and it is unlikely that any such requirement will be introduced, however, considering the functionality and practicability of the new signs, you may consider upgrading your signs to the new regulations or at a minimum ensure that any new signs purchased are in line.











Before 2013 the traditional emergency sign used above doorways to identify the escape route, pictured a DOWN arrow. Under BS EN ISO 7010 the DOWN arrow should be used to **identify a change of level going down.**



Following the introduction of BS EN ISO 7010 the directional arrow above a corridor doorway or exit door, should be the UP arrow. This is to inform the occupants that they need to carry straight on or exit here.



Sign	Meaning	Location Example
	Progress DOWN to the RIGHT. (change of level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On wall or suspended at top of stairs or ramp. On half landing wall or stairs. Suspended at change of level.
	Progress UP to the RIGHT. (change of level) Progress FORWARD and across to the right. (suspend in open area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On half landing wall or stairs. Suspended at change of level. Suspended in open areas.
	Progress DOWN to the LEFT. (change of level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On wall or suspended at top of stairs or ramp. On half landing wall or stairs. Suspended at change of level.
	Progress UP to the LEFT. (change of level) Progress FORWARD and across to the LEFT. (suspend in open area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On wall or suspended at foot of stairs or ramp. On half landing wall or stairs. Suspended at change of level. Suspended in open areas.
	Progress FORWARD from here. (direction of travel) Progress FORWARD and through from here, when sited above door. Progress FORWARD and UP from here. (change of level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended in corridor leading to door. Suspended in open areas. Suspended in front of door. Positioned ABOVE door. Suspended at foot of stairs or ramp.
	Progress to the RIGHT from here. (direction of travel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On corridor walls. Suspended ADJACENT & LEFT of exit. Suspended at change of direction.
	Progress to the LEFT from here. (direction of travel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On corridor walls. Suspended ADJACENT & RIGHT of exit. Suspended at change of direction.
	Progress DOWN from here. (change of level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended at head of stairs or ramp. Suspended at change of level.