

1 Rules and warnings

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1 Work in pairs. What safety rules are in your workplace or college? Make a list.

2 53 Listen and complete the warnings with the words in the box.

don't might must mustn't

- 1 You _____ wear a hard hat on the building site.
- 2 _____ go through that door!
- 3 You _____ wear safety gloves everywhere in the factory.
- 4 _____ touch that machine! It's very hot.
- 5 Be careful! High-voltage electricity. You _____ get an electric shock.
- 6 You _____ use your mobile phone here.

Reading

3 Work in pairs. Why do the signs below have different colours and shapes?

4 Read the text. Match the examples to the signs.

The safety signs below follow the ISO international standard. This standard is used in the EU because it has many different languages. There are three types of safety sign:



- **WARNING SIGNS.** These signs warn you about a danger. They say things like this: *Warning. Danger. Be careful. Look out. There is a danger or hazard here. You might injure yourself.* The signs are yellow and black in colour and triangular in shape. Here are some examples:

- 1 Warning. Poison: see (1) C
- 2 Danger. Fire hazard here: see (2) _____

- **PROHIBITION SIGNS.** These signs prohibit an action. They say: *Do not do this. You must not do this. Never do this.* The signs are red, white and black in colour and round in shape. Here are some examples:

- 3 You must not lift this with a hook: see (3) _____
- 4 Never take the guard off this machine: see (4) _____

- **MANDATORY ACTION SIGNS.** These signs order you to do something. They say: *Do this. You must do this. Always do this.* These signs are blue and white in colour, and round in shape. Here are some examples:

- 5 Always read the manual before you service this machine: see (5) _____
- 6 You must use the guard on this circular saw: see (6) _____

Language

	Wear		Do not Don't	
Always		a hard hat here.	Never	touch the machine.
You must	wear		You must not You mustn't	

5 Complete the instructions with the words in the box.

always do do not must mustn't never



- _____ use a lighted match in this workshop.
- _____ wash your hands after using these chemicals.
- _____ enter this small space.
- You _____ wear safety boots when you lift this.
- _____ not smoke in this factory.
- You _____ touch this machine with bare hands. It's hot.

6 Write these signs in another way.

Example: 1 Do not smoke here.



Use *might* or *could* to explain the possible result of the hazard.

You	might could	burn your arm. injure/hurt yourself. get an electric shock.
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7 Complete these warnings with the words or phrases in the box. You can use the words or phrases more than once.

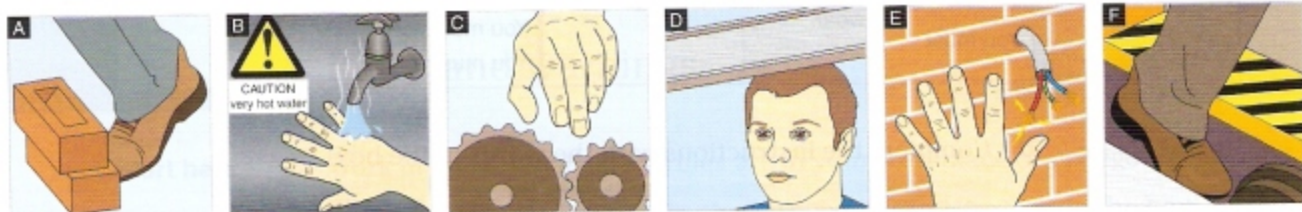
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- Take care. Heavy weight. You _____ injure your back.
- Warning. _____ a cold surface here. You _____ injure your hands or arms.
- Be careful. You _____ trap your hand in the gears.
- Danger. _____ lasers in this laboratory. You _____ injure your eyes.

2 Safety hazards

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2 Listen again and write the warning number in the table.

Warning	Possible result
	You might burn your hands.
	You could injure your head.
	You might fall into the gap.
	You could trip over the bricks.
	You might trap your hand in the gears.
	You could get an electric shock.

Speaking 3 Say the warnings and their possible results.

*Example: 1 Look out! There's a low beam in front of you.
You could injure your head.*

4 Work in pairs. How many safety hazards can you see?
Make a list.

