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Foreword

Publishing information

This British Standard is published by BSI Standards Limited, under licence from The British Standards Institution, and came into effect on 31 March 2014. It was prepared by Subcommittee PH/8/1, *Safety signs*, under the authority of Technical Committee PH/8, *Graphical symbols.* A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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This British Standard draws upon BS ISO 20712-1 and BS EN ISO 7010 for registered safety signs and ISO 7001 for registered public information symbols. It is a companion to BS ISO 20712-3 concerning water safety in aquatic environments.

This British Standard conforms to the design principles of BS ISO 3864-1 and BS ISO 3864-3 and the colorimetric and photometric specifications of BS ISO 3864-4 for safety signs and ISO 22727 for public information symbols.

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Introduction

A standardized method of signing with the use of appropriate supplementary text throughout the working and public environment can assist the process of education and instruction on the meaning of coastal slipway safety signs. The intention of this British Standard is to promote a uniformity of application of safety signs which can lead to increased familiarity, and therefore improved safety, for both visitors and the general public.

The figures included within this British Standard are done so based on the assumption that some people might be unfamiliar with the features of the coastal boating slipways. The figures are not intended to cover every potentially hazardous situation – they are examples, not minimum requirements.

The use of safety signs does not replace the need for proper working methods and safety instructions, or for training in accident prevention and the actions to be taken in the event of an emergency, or for the provision of lifeguards.

1 Scope

This British Standard provides guidance on the selection and use of safety signs and public information symbols on sign boards. It provides guidance on the design, location, mounting positions and maintenance of sign boards which give information in a coastal slipway aquatic environment.

This British Standard does not apply to traffic signs for use on the public highway or to maritime signalling.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS EN ISO 7010, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs*

BS ISO 3864-1:2011, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*

BS ISO 3864-3, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 3: Design principles for graphical symbols for use in safety signs*

BS ISO 3864-4, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 4: Colorimetric and photometric properties of safety sign materials*

BS ISO 20712-1, *Water safety signs and beach safety flags – Part 1: Specifications for water safety signs used in workplaces and public areas*

ISO 7001, *Graphical symbols – Public information symbols*

ISO 22727, *Graphical symbols – Creation and design of public information symbols – Requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 coastal slipway
man-made or natural slope where boating craft can launch into the water (sea)