

Signs, Tags, & Markings

Scenario

In an effort to decrease the number of accidents and injuries in the workplace, OSHA developed regulations on safety color-coding and specifications for accident prevention signs and tags. A sign refers to a surface prepared for the warning of, or safety instructions of, industrial workers or members of the public who may be exposed to hazards.

It happened like this

Juan was the supervisor on the loading dock. There were signs posted which warned employees of the dangers of carbon monoxide. But how often did Juan or any of his coworkers notice the signs?

One day the loading dock was filled with trucks, and several forklifts were in operation. Despite ventilation, there seemed to be lots of exhaust in the loading dock area.

Fred was working near the dock doors checking loads in and out of the trucks. He complained to Juan of a headache. Juan didn't really think anything of it, and he told Fred to let him know if it got any worse.

Later, Juan checked on Fred and asked him how he was feeling. Fred said his head really hurt and that he felt tired. Juan told Fred to sit down for a little bit, and he got him some aspirin from a coworker in the office. Juan told Fred to let him know if the aspirin didn't help.

Later, another coworker found Juan and told him that Fred was in the bathroom throwing up. Juan went to check on Fred, and Fred seemed confused.

What are the issues?

What went right?





What did Juan do wrong?

What do you think should happen next?

