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Signaux de sécurité relatifs à l'eau et drapeaux de sécurité pour les plages —

Partie 1: Spécifications des signaux de sécurité relatifs à l'eau utilisés sur les lieux de travail et dans les lieux publics



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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Specifications for water safety signs used in workplaces and public areas*
- *Part 2: Specifications for beach safety flags — Colour, shape, meaning and performance*
- *Part 3: Guidance for use*

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Introduction

There is a need to standardize a system giving safety information related to aquatic activity that relies as little as possible on the use of words to achieve understanding.

Continued growth in international trade, travel and mobility of labour requires a common method of communicating safety information.

Lack of standardization may lead to confusion and perhaps accidents.

The use of standardized safety signs does not replace proper work methods, instructions and accident prevention training and/or measures. Education is an essential part of any system that provides safety information.

This part of ISO 20712 is intended to be used by all Technical Committees within ISO charged with developing specific safety signing in places of aquatic activity to ensure that there is only one safety sign for each safety meaning. It is also intended that this part of ISO 20712 be revised regularly to include safety signs as they are standardized by ISO, and which conform to the principles given in ISO 3864-1 and the design criteria given in ISO 3864-3.

NOTE 1 Some countries' statutory regulations may differ in some respect from those given in this part of ISO 20712.

NOTE 2 Some countries may differ in some respect from the requirements given in this part of ISO 20712 in that they use the diamond geometric shape for warning signs.