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Emergency Exit Signs  
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## Safety Tips

This is the first in a series of articles where we'll be passing on safety ideas we've picked up in the field.

Exits must be clearly marked for egress. Emergency lighting must be provided for egress areas in case a fire cuts electricity or a power outage occurs to the structure.

On the top left is a typical **red** fixture, below that is a **green** Photoluminescent EXIT sign. The same amount of smoke is in front of each sign. The unique qualities of the photoluminescent illumination is what makes the crucial difference.

Search the web for 'photoluminescent exit sign'.

The national code allows for either red or green EXIT signs. In different parts of the world both colors have been considered the "traditional" color. EXIT sign illumination should be GREEN, however, for three important reasons:

1. **Green EXIT signs are easier to read, especially through smoke and haze.**
2. **Green EXIT signs will never be confused with the actual fire in emergencies.**
3. **Green EXIT signs create a calming atmosphere the rest of the time.**

For multilingual or international refineries, exit directional arrows are preferred.

Certain environments require explosion proof signs and lighting. One source is [www.ceag.de](http://www.ceag.de).

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