

## **SAFETY COLOR CODING**

Colors have specific connotations within safety practice, and should be applied accordingly. OSHA adopted the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard Z 535 of 1991. Although the ANSI standard has been revised since that time, this safety color scheme is still recognized by OSHA.

**SAFETY RED**-- Indicates “Danger” or “Stop”. Also used to indicate fire protection equipment, flammable liquid containers, emergency stop bars, buttons and switches, for stopping equipment and machinery under emergency conditions.

**SAFETY ORANGE** Indicates an intermediate level of hazard, can also be considered to be equivalent to the word, “Warning”. Used to identify the hazardous parts of machinery which can cut, crush, or otherwise injure.

**SAFETY YELLOW** Equivalent to the word, “Caution” Used to mark hazards which could result in falling, tripping, stumbling or striking against. Flammable liquid storage cabinets should be marked safety yellow. For maximum contrast and visibility, use safety yellow in combination with alternating black (and yellow) stripes, or black and yellow checkerboard pattern.

**SAFETY GREEN** Denotes “Safety”, and used to indicate emergency egress, location of first aid assistance or supplies, or location of safety equipment, such as oxygen, stretchers, etc.

**SAFETY BLUE** Identifies “Safety Information”. Used for informational signs and bulletin boards, also to mark ADA ramps, walkways, curb cuts, etc.