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## **Safety identification — Escape and evacuation plan signs**

*Identification de sécurité — Plans d'évacuation et de secours*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

There is a need to standardize a system of communicating escape routes in facilities 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 conveying this important safety information to the occupants of facilities.

The use of this International Standard is expected to reduce risk by providing a means of improved training and education and to reduce possible confusion in times of emergency.

Through the use of ISO 7010 safety signs, colour coding and specific design requirements, this International Standard establishes a common method of illustrating the position of the viewer in relation to designated escape routes leading to emergency exits and the location of fire safety and emergency equipment close and adjacent to escape routes.

Escape plans are an integral part of a facility's system of safety signs and play an integral role in a building owner's fire safety management plan. Escape plans are a necessary component of a facility's safety way guidance system (see ISO 16069).

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes design principles for displayed escape plans that contain information relevant to fire safety, escape, evacuation and rescue of the facility's occupants. These plans may also be used by intervention forces in case of emergency.

These plans are intended to be displayed as signs in public areas and workplaces.

This International Standard is not intended to cover the plans to be used by external safety services nor detailed professional technical drawings for use by specialists.

## 2 Normative references

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

ISO 3864-1:2002, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas*

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

ISO 7010, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Safety signs used in workplaces and public areas*

ISO 17724, *Graphical symbols — Vocabulary*

ISO 17398, *Safety colours and safety signs — Classification, performance and durability of safety signs*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17724 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **emergency safety notice**

instructions for occupants, to be followed in case of emergency