

FLOOR MARKING GUIDE

Source: OSHA Standard 1910.22

OSHA regulations require that permanent aisles and passageways must be marked appropriately and in a consistent manner plant-wide.

Recommended Floor Marking Colors

YELLOW	Aisleways & Traffic Lanes; 'Paths of Egress'; Work Cells
WHITE	Production -OR- Racks, Machines, Carts, Benches
RED	Defect/Scrap Area; Red Tag Area
ORANGE	Material or Product Inspection -OR- Energized Equipment
GREEN	Materials & Manufacturing: Finished Goods
BLUE	Materials & Manufacturing: Raw Materials
BLACK	Materials & Manufacturing: Works In Progress
BLACK/YELLOW	Areas which present physical or health risks to employees.
RED/WHITE	Areas to be kept clear for safety reasons.
BLACK/WHITE	Areas to be kept clear for operational purposes.



The colors above are a basic color code recommendation that is widely accepted which complies with any interpretation of OSHA or ANSI codes. This scheme isn't set by law, so it can be modified to fit the needs of specific facilities, and stands as a useful starting point for most applications. If modified, post a guide in a conspicuous location.

Requirements: Line Widths



To ensure maximum visibility/awareness, **the required minimum width required for facility aisle and floor marking lines is 2" wide**- therefore, any width above that is considered acceptable by OSHA and ANSI. Most typical applications use tape or painted lines with **2" - 6" widths**.

Widths above 6" tend to be more cost-prohibitive and impractical to apply.

Requirements: Aisle Widths



"Sufficient safe clearances" must be provided where mechanical equipment is used. The width required will vary depending upon how the aisle is utilized in the workplace - Aisles that utilize forklift and truck traffic will need to be wider than aisles for pedestrian traffic. **A good average aisle width is 36 inches.**

Storage rooms containing flammable and combustible liquids **must have aisles at least three feet wide.**

Additionally, for emergency exit access points, **28 inches is the minimum allowed width.**



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