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## PREFACE

This edition of this standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Industrial Warning Signs, under the direction of the Safety Standards Board, to supersede AS 1318—1972.

The standard is intended to provide rules for the use of certain colours for the marking of physical hazards and for the identification of certain equipment in industry. Such colour coding should form an integral part of the total safety information system of any occupational environment. Attention is drawn to the fact that education and training are an essential part of any system for giving safety information and that implementation of colour coding in accordance with this standard does not replace the need for proper accident prevention measures.

The principal changes in this edition are as follows:

- (a) Reference to AS K185, Colours for Specific Purposes, has been deleted and the colours have been specified in terms of chromaticity coordinates and photometric properties. In addition, colours listed in AS 2700 and BS 5252 and known to fall within the coordinates (colour boxes) are listed.
- (b) The colour for emergency exit signs is now green (i.e. safe condition) in lieu of red. This change is in agreement with that introduced in AS 1319, Safety Signs for the Occupational Environment, AS 2293, Emergency Evacuation Lighting in Buildings and in ISO 3864, Safety Colours and Safety Signs.

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