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1. Uniform IMO/SOLAS signs and symbols in accordance with SOLAS Chap III, Regulation 9.2.3 are to be posted appropriately to indicate the location of emergency equipment as well as muster/embarkation stations, and escape routes.
2. Lifeboat, life raft launching instructions shall be legible and posted beneath an **emergency light**. All crew shall familiarize with launching instructions of life saving appliances like lifeboats / life rafts / davit launched life rafts etc.
3. Any safety signs permanently erected on board for the purpose of giving health and safety information or instruction must comply with the appropriate standard.
4. Containers, brackets, racks and other similar stowage locations shall be marked with IMO symbols.
5. The following safety signs must be of the photo luminescent type:
  - IMO Symbols for life saving appliances.
  - Direction Signs showing escape routes and muster stations.
  - Fire Equipment Signs
  - Prohibition Signs e.g. “No Smoking”.

Other safety signs may be of the photo luminescent type if it is deemed appropriate for the type and location of the sign.

6. Reference should be made to the guidelines contained in the Code of Safe Working Practice, “Safety signs and their use”.
7. The appropriate IMO symbol should be used to identify each item of lifesaving equipment or the locker in which it is stowed. Muster and embarkation stations should be identified with the appropriate sign qualified with an identification number or letter, to the right of the sign. Directions to each station should be marked using a muster station or lifeboat symbol plus an arrow.
8. All primary escape routes should be marked with signs comprising the ‘Running Man’ pictogram, and a direction arrow.
9. All first aid points and first aid storage should be marked, as should emergency shutdowns.
10. Firefighting equipment should be marked with the appropriate sign. Where the equipment is hidden a direction arrow sign should indicate its location. Where various types of equipment are stored at one location a “Fire Point” sign may be used. Where a single type of equipment such as portable fire extinguishers are stowed in a locker the door of the locker should be marked with a sign identifying the type of equipment.

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11. Each portable fire extinguisher should be allocated an individual number that must be marked on the extinguisher and at its location.
12. If more than one LSA device is stowed in that location, the number of devices shall also be indicated. (SOLAS III/20.10). For example, NUMBER of immersion suits and life jackets kept on bridge, forepeak store and ECR shall be clearly indicated.
13. During new building takeover, all safety signs and Posters shall be checked to ensure compliance with class approved LSA/FFA plan.
14. IMO signs/posters must be in good condition. Missing, damaged or illegible IMO signs/posters should be reported to the Safety Officer and replaced immediately.
15. All emergency escape routes shall be clearly marked with IMO signs, unobstructed and adequately lit.
16. Sufficient Spare IMO symbols shall be available on board to replace worn out or damaged symbols.
17. IMO signs/posters shall be checked as part of safety inspections.
18. If the vessel believes that any additional IMO symbols are required, vessel shall discuss the same with the superintendent /ship manager.