



OHS for Engineers EK670 Resources
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Confusing signs and instructions (Task1A) - Student examples from 2006

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Washing machine controls	Washing machine controls submission (pdf)
<p>Claymore</p> <p>The claymore is a military weapon – a form of mine.</p> <p>These students were a group of Army reservists.</p> <p>The instruction is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“FRONT TOWARD ENEMY”</p> <p>Issues raised:</p> <p>Fairly important!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Which is the front?- Could it be done another way?- What about people who don't read English?- What if it is dirty?- Dark?- Could it be done with symbols or shapes?	<p style="text-align: center;">Washing machine controls submission (pdf)</p>  

Parking signs

This is a set of two signs outside a bank.

- one says **“Strictly No Parking 8am-6pm”**
- the other one contains **“Customer Parking Conditions”**

Issues raised:

So can I part there or not?

What are the “conditions” for? – Just for parking outside the “no parking” hours?

The photo was taken at 11am.

Cars are parked in that position – so the “no parking” sign does not work.

If it is important to stop someone parking here – don’t use a sign – use an engineered barrier such as a kerb, rail, plants, etc.

