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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee SF-041, General Principles for the Guarding of Machinery, as revision (in part) of AS 4024.1—1996, *Safeguarding of machinery, Part 1: General principles*.

During its work, the Committee considered a number of Standards originating within the European Community in the field of safety of machinery. Many of these European Standards are being adopted virtually unchanged as International Standards by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the Committee has agreed to continue to use material emanating from both CEN and ISO in this new edition. This action will maintain consistency with previous editions of AS 4024.1 and other machine-specific Australian Standards.

This edition has been published as a series of Parts rather than the single Standard previously published as AS 4024.1. In doing this, the Committee has cleared the way for simple revisions in the future. When a new edition of a relevant Standard becomes available at the international level, it will be adopted and published within the framework of AS 4024 with a minimum delay, so ensuring continued international alignment.

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### 1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies a system of danger and information signals which takes into account the different degrees of urgency. The intent being to reduce risks associated with misinterpretation of visual and auditory danger signals.

This Standard is applicable to all danger and information signals which have to be clearly perceived and differentiated as specified in AS 4024.1202, by other requirements or by the work situation, and to all degrees of urgency, from extreme urgency to an ALL CLEAR situation. Where visual signals are to be complementary to sound signals, the signal character is specified for both.

This Standard does not apply to certain fields covered by specific standards or other conventions in force (international or national); in particular, fire alarms, medical alarms, alarms used in the field of public transport, navigation signals and signals for special fields of activity (for example, military). When new signals are being planned, however, this Standard should be considered in order to avoid inconsistency.

For auditory signals, the system of signal character is a guideline for a signal language based on message categories which are classified according to urgency. Certain characters are specified for purposes which require safe and rapid recognition. Certain categories allow possibilities for variants, e.g. control and warning signals at workplaces where the signalling is intended for personnel with specific training.

For visual signals, the established meanings of the safety colours are not affected by this Standard. For different needs, complementary meanings have been assigned to the signals by timed patterns, and in a very few cases by alternating colours.

### 2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to enable designers, manufacturers, suppliers, employers and users of machinery to minimize risks to the health and safety of employees and others working with or otherwise near machinery by providing requirements for danger and information signals.

### 3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard.

AS

4024 Safety of machinery

4024.1202 Part 1202: General principles—Technical principles

ISO

7731 Ergonomics—Danger signals for public and work places—Auditory danger signals

8201 Acoustics—Audible emergency evacuation signal

9921 Ergonomics—Assessment of speech communication