



WHY?

This FACT SHEET has been created by The British Sign and Graphics Association to:

Raise Awareness:

Emphasise the importance of glass manifestations for safety, legal compliance, and accessibility.

Guide Compliance:

Share clear, concise guidance on achieving regulatory standards.

Promote Best Practices:

Highlight creative, functional solutions that balance safety with design.

Set Standards:

Establish benchmarks for safety, quality, and accessibility within the industry.

Provide Clarity:

Support industry stakeholders to align work activities with applicable regulations and end user requirements.

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SITUATIONAL DESIGN PROPOSALS:

Office Environment with Glass Partitions:

Apply frosted stripes or branded logos at the required heights.

For an open-plan office, continuous designs help unify the aesthetic while meeting regulations.

Retail or Public Spaces:

Use high-contrast decals or printed graphics to enhance visibility.

Incorporate colours or designs that reflect the brand - ensuring compliance with height and contrast framework.

Education facilities / Community Spaces:

Considered use of bold colours and patterns - for example: dots, shapes, audiences appropriate creations to ensure individuals are able to differentiate glazed areas

Avoid transparent or subtle manifestations in areas accessed by vulnerable individuals.

High-Traffic Areas:

Use anti-scratch or laminated media for increased longevity.



KEY POINTS OF COMPLIANCE : DESIGN PROPOSAL:



Simplicity:

Continuous patterns and positioned across critical height bands.



Visibility:

Frosted elements provide a subtle yet, highly visible solution.



Aesthetics and Functionality:

Unobtrusive compliance for modern environments.



Unique requirements for the space:

Frequent footfall with additional accessibility needs.
Add contrast or tactile elements thoughtfully.

Within the United Kingdom, glazing manifestations are regulated to primarily to ensure the safety of individuals by making glass areas visible and thereby, reducing the risk of accidental collisions.

These regulations specify how and where manifestations must be applied, focussing on visibility, contrast, and usability for everyone, including individuals with visual impairments.

Key Regulations and Guidance include:

Building Regulations 2010: Part K and Part M

Part K mandates manifestations in critical locations, such as glazing between floor level and 800mm or doors/panels within 300mm of doors up to 1500mm.

Part M focuses on accessibility and requires glass entrances and screens to be clearly defined with manifestations at two levels: 850-1000mm and 1400-1600mm above the floor.

Manifestations must be clearly visible, contrast with the background, and be visible under all lighting conditions.

Equality Act 2010:

Requires manifestations to provide adequate contrast and be detectable by individuals with partial sight.

Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992:

States marking or safeguarding transparent surfaces to prevent injuries.

BS 6262-4:2005 - Code of Practice for Glazing:

Offers detailed guidance on safety glazing and effective manifestation practices.

Visit our website: Technical Guidance: **GLASS MANIFESTATION COMPLIANCE** for more information.

Non-compliance with glazing manifestation regulations can lead to penalties under health and safety laws, claims under the Equality Act, and enforcement notices in conjunction with building regulations. This can result in fines, legal action, and reputational damage. Ensuring compliance promotes safety, accessibility, and helps businesses minimise liability and legal risks.