**Objective: Use the color code system to identify workplace hazards.**

**Trainer’s Note**

A consistent color system warns of safety hazards. For this module:

• Present the colors in the color code system and their meaning.

• Lead a tour of your workplace. Have workers point out examples of color coding and the   
 hazards identified.

• Ask workers to watch for hazards that are not appropriately color coded.

• Review the important points.

• Have workers take the True/False quiz to check their learning.

**Background**

The color coding system increases employee safety. All workers should be familiar with the system. Reassigned workers should learn the codes in their new area.

Below is the standard color code system. A copy of the color code should be easy to find for quick reference. Use clearly printed labels with colors. Signs, tags, and tickets should all follow the same system.

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| **The Standard Color-Code System** | |
| Red  Should also show the word  Danger | Fire safety equipment Safety containers for flammables  Emergency devices  ● Emergency shut-off switches  ● Stop bar  ● Buttons |
| Orange | Machinery or equipment that can  ● Cut  ● Crush  ● Shock  ● Cause other injury |
| Yellow  Should also show the word  Caution | Physical dangers  ● Slipping  ● Tripping  ● Falling  ● Caught-between hazards  ● Striking-against hazards |

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| **The Standard Color-Code System (continued)** | |
| Green | First-aid equipment |
| Blue | Equipment under repair  ● Do not start equipment  ● Do not move equipment |
| Magenta, and Yellow or Black and Yellow | Radiation hazards |
| Black, White or a Combination | Traffic movement cautions  ● Aisles  ● Housekeeping areas  ● Similar areas |

**Review These Important Points**

* All workers should know the color codes.
* Your workplace codes should be posted and easy to see.
* In the standard code, red means DANGER.
* In the standard code, yellow means CAUTION.

**Verbal Quiz**

1. In the standard code, a first aid kit is green. **T F**

2. In the standard code, red means DANGER. **T F**

3. In the standard code, blue means CAUTION. **T F**

4. In the standard code, a stop bar would be green. **T F**

5. Clearly printed labels should be used with the color codes. **T F**

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| Answer Key | |
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