

# VISUAL IDENTITY GUIDELINES SUMMARY

Taken from the Graphic Design Standards Manual for the Society's corporate identity.

Symbols become meaningful through frequent and, most importantly, consistent usage. Over time, as Canadians are repeatedly exposed to the Lifesaving Society's graphic identity, our logo will become a powerful symbol of what we are about. But consistency is crucial: **Please follow these rules whenever you use the Society's graphic identity:** 

### On a white or light-coloured background

- First choice: 2 colours; Blue 300 of the Pantone Matching System (PMS) and black: Print the symbol and signature statement – *The Lifeguarding Experts* – in PMS 300 blue; the name of the Lifesaving Society in black.
- Second choice: 1 colour: whenever possible, print everything in PMS 300 blue. Otherwise print everything in black.

### On a dark background

• Print everything in white.

### Always

- Use all the elements of the corporate identity: symbol, name and signature statement
- Leave "white space" around the whole thing. The *minimum* space required is about the size of one of the "ovals" in the symbol.

#### Never

- Change the relationship between the symbol and the name of the Society.
- Alter the shape or the angle of the symbol.
- Delete the signature statement.
- Use any other colours or switch the colours around.
- Use any other typeface.
- Use the symbol as a letter "S" in the name of the Society or another word.
- Reproduce the identity so small that you cannot read the signature statement.
- Combine the Society's visual identity with any other logos or visual identities.

## The circular bilingual logo

• The circular bilingual logo is a special use logo which may be used when a bilingual application is required for which the formal bilingual corporate logo is inappropriate.



• Colour preferences are as described previously: First choice, on a light background, words and lines in black; S-shape symbol in PMS 300 blue; Second choice, 1 colour PMS 300 blue or black. On a dark background: everything white.