



# Signage to comply with the Arkansas Boat Dock and Marina Safety Law

## The Law

The "Boat Dock and Marina Safety Law" was passed by the 88th General Assembly in Arkansas on March 22, 2011 as act 571. It is codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 27-101-801 to 805.

## The Purposes

The two primary purposes of the Boat Dock and Marina Safety Law are to protect the public by establishing electrical standards for wiring on boat docks and to provide notice warning of potential electrical dangers.

## Electrical Standards & Signs

First, the Law requires that docks be wired in accordance with the National Electrical Code. Second, the Law requires specifically worded signs warning both users of the dock and swimmers in the water surrounding the dock of potential electrical shock hazards.

## Placement of Signs

Proper placement of the signage is also mandated. The Law states that the signage "shall be placed to give adequate notice to persons using the boat dock...or swimming near the boat dock...of the electrical shock hazard risks of the waters around the boat dock...."

## Evidence of Liability

Further, the statute states that a violation of the Law's requirements can be used as evidence in a lawsuit for damages when a person has been injured by an electrical shock in the water surrounding a dock.

## Production of Signs

Seiz Sign Company can make signs for your dock to help keep you in compliance with the requirements of the "Boat Dock and Marina Safety Law."

## Sign Considerations

Unfortunately, the Law provides no guidance in connection with certain aspects of the signage. For instance, the following questions are not specifically answered in the statutory language:

1. How big should the sign be?
2. What colors should be used?
3. What typestyle should be used?
4. Where should the signs be placed?
5. Should the signs have reflective lettering?
6. What material should the signs be made of?
7. How many signs should you have?

We can provide reasonable suggestions in connection with the issues listed above, though we are not offering a legal opinion in regards to compliance with this law. We can, however, make the sign or signs that you decide are appropriate and required for your dock area.

### The Law requires the signage to state:

- 1) "Electric Shock Hazard: Swim at Your Own Risk" (on one sign) or
- 2) "Warning Electric Shock Hazard" (on one sign) and "Swim at Your Own Risk" (on another sign)

### Recommendations & Specifications:

- 1) Size: 12"x18"
- 2) Material: .080 Aluminum
- 3) Copy Area: Reflective Vinyl
- 4) Edges: .75" Radius Corners
- 5) Font: San Serif

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