



## KNOW YOUR SEMIOTICS!

The **Steel Alliance Semiotic Standard** (SASS) is a non-linguistic system of icons that convey meaning through shape, colour, and image so that important information can be understood quickly and efficiently in the interests of avoiding accidents and miscommunication. The core concept is that even if you have never seen a particular icon before you should be able to understand its meaning simply from the three elements (Shape, Colour, Image) and placement.

### Shape

SASS uses the hexagon as the container for all icons. The colour of the outer and inner frames define the context, and within that the elements are nested inside so the shape should be read from outside to inside.

**Examples (below):** the outside frame of the **Wyld** alert is red indicating hazard. The blue outer frame for the **Cyberware** icon indicates safety, while the inner orange frame indicates technology. The grey outer frame for **Endurance** indicates a learned skill, while the red inner frame indicates danger. The green frame for **Medicine** indicates medical, and the black frame for **Wyld Shield** indicates a protective barrier.



### Colour

SASS uses 6 colours and 2 tones to convey meaning:



BLUE	RED	ORANGE	GREEN	TEAL	PURPLE	GREY	BLACK
Safe	Danger	Warning	Medical	Divine	Echo	Skill	Barrier
Success	Failure	Cyber	Bio		Wyld	Training	Border
Secure	Insecure	Weave	Food				Void
Health	Injury	Tech					

The image, frame and background colours all combine to define the meaning.

### Image

The image is the core of the SASS icon, in the examples below are the standard icons for Endurance, Isoke (in teal), Medicine (Isoke's icon in green), a hazard alert for EMP, the icon for the Echo Power Telepathy, and the bisected icon for Wyld Shield.

