

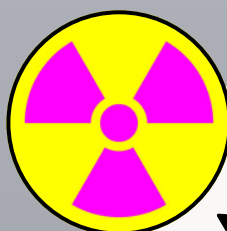
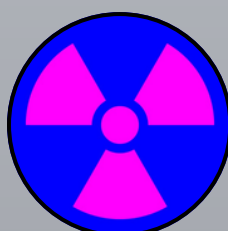
DID YOU KNOW



The life of the radioactive 'trefoil' began in 1946 at the University of California, Berkeley. The symbol was first 'doodled' by members of a research group headed by Nels Garden, who wrote in a letter that the symbol "**would best symbolize the degree of hazard, type of activity, etc., but which was simple in design**".

It was only in 1948 that the symbol came under consideration for wider use, when Brookhaven National Laboratory requested a "**standardized symbol of standardized colors**" for use in their radiation safety programme. Rather surprisingly, the first designs of the symbol weren't the black and yellow that we are so familiar with.

The original design having magenta blades on a blue background. This blue background was chosen because it was an uncommon color in radiation controlled areas; however, Oak Ridge National Laboratory standardized the use of a yellow background later in 1948



Older Versions



Used in Malaysia

