

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

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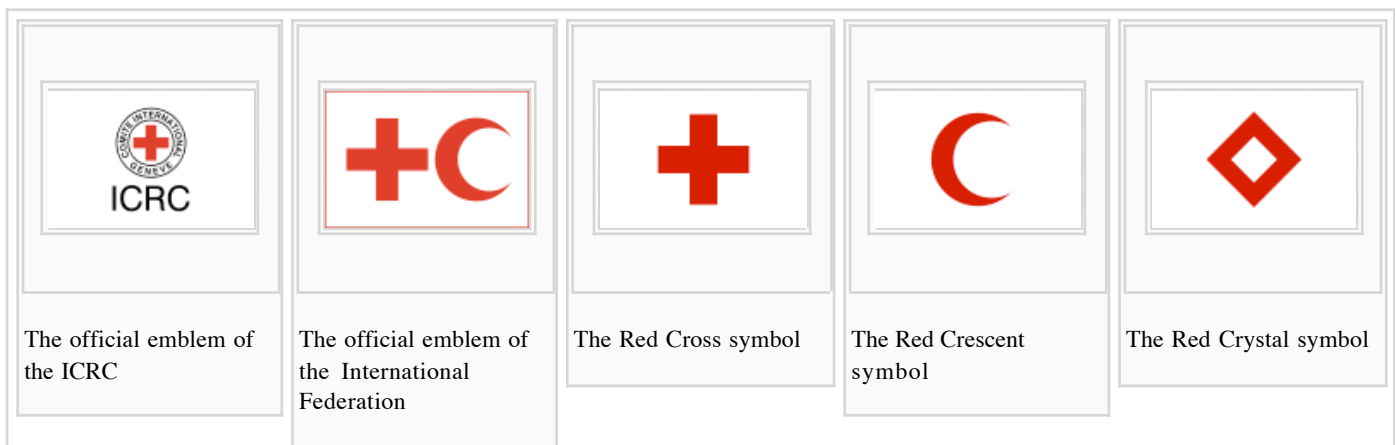
The **Red Cross** and the **Red Crescent** are symbols which are used by organizations which are part of the **International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**, namely the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**, the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)**, and more than 180 **national Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies**. In addition to that, these symbols have a special meaning derived from the Geneva Conventions. An additional symbol, the Red Lion and Sun, was used from 1924 to 1980 by Iran. The national society of Israel, Magen David Adom, uses an own symbol, the **Red Star of David**, which is not recognized as a protection symbol by the Geneva Conventions. An additional symbol, the **Red Crystal**, was introduced by adoption of a third additional protocol on December 7, 2005.

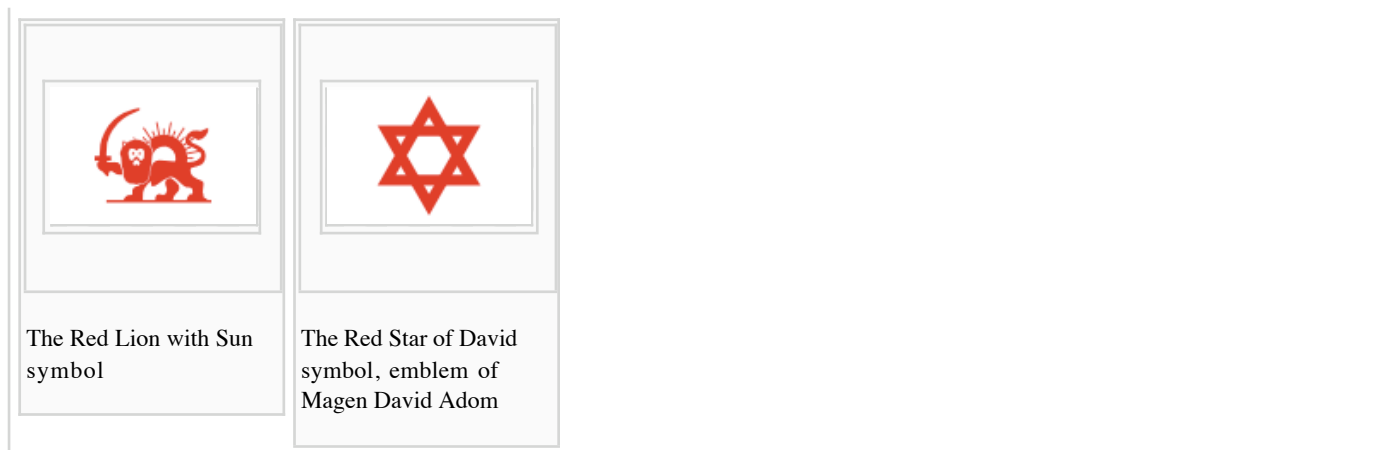
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Symbols

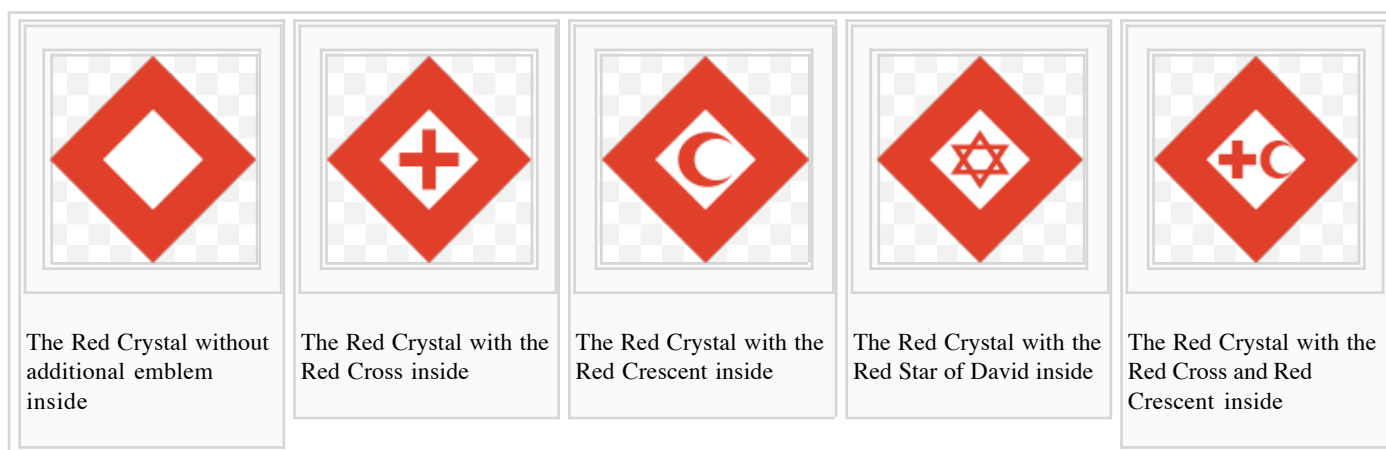
Official emblems and symbols





Use of the Red Crystal

For indicative purposes only, the above symbols or combinations of them can be incorporated inside of the new Red Crystal emblem. For example, a combination of the Red Crystal with the Red Star of David will likely be used by the Israel society Magen David Adom for humanitarian missions abroad. Similarly, the national societies of Eritrea and Kazakhstan will probably use a combination of the Red Cross and Red Crescent inside of the Red Crystal as their emblem. For protective use, the Red Crystal can only be used without any additional symbol inside. In principle, the Red Lion with Sun (alone or in combination with the other symbols) could be used inside the Red Crystal as well. As the Red Lion with Sun is not in use since 1980, such combination is very unlikely to be used in the future. For that reason, it is not depicted here.



Military use of the symbols

The following pictures are examples of the above symbols being used in the context of the military. Such application for members, vehicles or buildings of armed forces and similar situations is governed by the **Geneva Conventions**. This is called **protective use** and does not indicate affiliation of the respective persons or facilities with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Under the rules of the Geneva Conventions, the symbols are therefore used without any textual designation.





Ambulance of the American forces during World War 2

History



Historical map of the Battle of Solferino, 1859



Contemporary illustration showing the five founding members of the ICRC, around 1863



Original document of the first Geneva Convention, 1864
Other images: signatures



"The Red Cross of the Geneva Convention. What It Is" by Clara Barton, 1878



French Red Cross train with sick and wounded soldiers, around 1917



The Church of Aubigny (France), converted into an emergency hospital, around 1917



Headquarters of the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., around 1922



Red Cross message from WW2, Poland, 1940

Paquete Cruz Roja.JPG

A Red Cross parcel sent to British POWs in Germany during World War II



A US army medic taking care of a German soldier in Normandy, around 1944



Procession of German POW's captured with the fall of Aachen, 1944



Peace Nobel Prize ceremony, December 10, 1963
















Development of the Geneva Conventions from 1864 to 1949

Persons

Founders of the ICRC

				
<p>Henry Dunant (1828-1910) Other images: 1</p>	<p>Gustave Moynier (1826-1910) Category: Gustave Moynier</p>	<p>Guillaume-Henri Dufour (1787-1875) Other images: 1</p>	<p>Louis Appia (1818-1898)</p>	<p>Theodore Maunoir (1806-1869)</p>

Presidents of the ICRC

				
<p>Guillaume-Henri Dufour (1787-1875) President 1863-1864 Other images: 1</p>	<p>Gustave Moynier (1826-1910) President 1864-1910 Category: Gustave Moynier</p>	<p>Gustave Ador (1845-1928) President 1910-1928 Other images: 1</p>	<p>Max Huber (1874-1960) President 1928-1944</p>	<p>Carl Burckhardt (1891-1974) President 1944-1948</p>
				
<p>Paul Ruegger (1897-1988) President 1948-1955</p>	<p>Leopold Boissier (1893-1968) President 1955-1964</p>	<p>Samuel Gonard (1896-1975) President 1964-1969</p>	<p>Marcel Naville (born 1919) President 1969-1973</p>	<p>Eric Martin (1900-1980) President 1973-1976</p>
				
<p>Alexandre Hay (1919-1991) President 1976-1987</p>	<p>Cornelio Sommaruga (born 1932) President 1987-1999</p>	<p>Jakob Kellenberger (born 1944) President since 2000</p>		

Chairmen/ Presidents of the League and the Federation



Henry Davison
(1867-1922)
Founder of the League of
Red Cross Societies
Chairman 1919-1922



John Barton Payne
(1855-1935)
Chairman 1922-1935



Cary Travers Grayson
(1878-1938)
Chairman 1935-1938



Norman Davis
(1878-1944)
Chairman 1938-1944



Johannes von Muralt
(1877-1947)
Chairman 1944-1945



Basil O'Connor
(1892-1972)
Chairman 1945-1950



Emil Sandström
(1886-1962)
Chairman 1950-1959



John Alexander
MacAulay
1895-1978
Chairman 1959-1965



José Barroso Chávez
(1925-2008)
Chairman 1965-1977



Joseph Adetunji
Adefarasin
(1920-1989)
President 1977-1981



Enrique de la Mata
(1933-1987)
President 1981-1987



Mario Villaroel Lander
(born 1947)
President 1987-1997



Astrid Nøklebye
Heiberg
(born 1936)
President 1997-2001

Other persons



Clara Barton
(1821-1912)
Founder of the American



Count Folke Bernadotte
(1895-1948)
Swedish diplomat



Marcel Junod
(1904-1961)
ICRC delegate/ member

Red Cross
Image Gallery:
Clara_Barton

Other images: Monument,
with POWs

in 1952
Other images: 1, 2, 3, 4

Places of Interest



Ossario di Solferino
(Ossuary Chapel) in
Solferino, Italy
Other images: Inside (1),
Inside (2)



The city of Solferino,
Italy



The Red Cross Memorial
in Solferino, Italy



Spia d'Italia (Spy of
Italy) in Solferino, Italy



International Red Cross
and Red Crescent
Museum in Geneva,
Switzerland
Other images: Entrance,
Room 6, Room 11



Gravesite of Henry
Dunant at the cemetery
Sihlfeld in Zurich,
Switzerland



Henry Dunant Memorial
in Heiden, Switzerland



Red Cross Memorial
Stone at Dybbøl,
Denmark



Headquarters of the
ICRC in Geneva,
Switzerland



Monument to Marcel
Junod in the Memorial
Peace Park in
Hiroshima, Japan



Monument to Marcel
Junod in Geneva,
Switzerland



Monument to Canadian
Aid Workers in Ottawa,
Canada



Red Cross station at the
beach in San Agustin in
Grand Canaria



Red Cross station near
the beach in Playa del
Inglés in Grand Canaria

Other

Cars, vehicles and other devices



Ambulance of Red Crescent in Saudi Arabia



Ambulance of the Red Cross in Austria



Two Red Cross Ambulances from Graz, Austria.



Two Red Cross Ambulances from Graz, Austria.



Some ambulances standing by in Graz, Austria.



Red Cross Emergency Physician Rapid Response Car; Graz, Austria.



Red Crescent ambulance at an Israeli checkpoint



A first responder ambucycle of Magen David Adom



The "J. Henry Dunant III", a Dutch Red Cross vacation ship for sick and handicapped people
Other images: Close look, Restaurant, toilet/shower



Red Cross tent in Japan



Emblen of the Austrian Red Cross at the side of an ambulance in the district of Innsbruck

Persons



Volunteer firefighters receiving food from a Disaster Service unit of the German Red Cross



Belgian Red Cross volunteers



March of Red Cross volunteer nurses at Army Parade in Rome, June 2, 2006 (commemorating the 60th anniversary of the birth of the Italian Republic)
Other images: Close look

Artwork



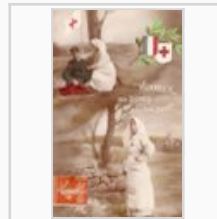
Stamp, USSR, 1965



Stamp, USSR, 1988



Stamp, Turkey, 1928



Postcard, France, 1915



"The Red Cross" from Montgomery's "The Beginner's American History", page 252, 1904



Stamp "The Faroese Red cross 75 Years", Faroe Islands, 2001



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Flags, insignia, charts



The symbols at the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum in Geneva, Switzerland



A Red Cross flag



Medal of the lifeguard group (Wasserwacht) of the German Red Cross



Organisation chart of the national Red Cross society of Switzerland

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