

**NAME**

sgetmask, ssetmask - manipulation of signal mask (obsolete)

**SYNOPSIS**

**long sgetmask(void);**

**long ssetmask(long newmask);**

*Note:* There are no glibc wrappers for these system calls; see NOTES.

**DESCRIPTION**

These system calls are obsolete. *Do not use them;* use [sigprocmask\(2\)](#) instead.

**sgetmask()** returns the signal mask of the calling process.

**ssetmask()** sets the signal mask of the calling process to the value given in *newmask*. The previous signal mask is returned.

The signal masks dealt with by these two system calls are plain bit masks (unlike the *sigset\_t* used by [sigprocmask\(2\)](#)); use [sigmask\(3\)](#) to create and inspect these masks.

**RETURN VALUE**

**sgetmask()** always successfully returns the signal mask. **ssetmask()** always succeeds, and returns the previous signal mask.

**ERRORS**

These system calls always succeed.

**VERSIONS**

Since Linux 3.16, support for these system calls is optional, depending on whether the kernel was built with the **CONFIG\_SGETMASK\_SYSCALL** option.

**CONFORMING TO**

These system calls are Linux-specific.

**NOTES**

Glibc does not provide wrappers for these obsolete system calls; in the unlikely event that you want to call them, use [syscall\(2\)](#).

These system calls are unaware of signal numbers greater than 31 (i.e., real-time signals).

These system calls do not exist on x86-64.

It is not possible to block **SIGSTOP** or **SIGKILL**.

**SEE ALSO**

[sigprocmask\(2\)](#), [signal\(7\)](#)

**COLOPHON**

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