

Safety First Aid



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

NEW Guidance for First Aid Kits LAUNCHED 2012



This has been issued for the provision of First Aid within the workplace - BS 8599-1:2011

Over the last 14 years the first aid industry has complied with the guidelines as set out in the Health & Safety (First Aid) Regulations Approved Code of Practice 1997. This document outlined a range of advice to employers for the provision of first aid within the workplace.

Over the past decade the requirement of the contents of a first aid kit has evolved and this has been recognised by the British Healthcare Trade Association who has worked, analysed and developed a solution that is fit for purpose in today's workplace environment.

New Kit Contents

Table 1 - Contents of a BS-8599-1 compliant workplace first aid kit					
Component	Description	Quantity			
		Small	Medium	Large	Travel*
Guidance Leaflet	Provides brief first aid guidelines	1	1	1	1
Contents List	Provides a list of first aid kit components included in kit	1	1	1	1
Medium Sterile Dressing	Conforming bandage: min. 7.5 cm width and min. 2 m stretched length, with an absorbent pad: not less than 12 cm x 12 cm	4	6	8	1
Large Sterile Dressing	Conforming bandage: min. 10 cm width and min. 2 m stretched length, with an absorbent pad: not less than 18 cm x 18 cm	1	2	2	1
Triangular Bandage	Min. of 20 gsm non-woven material or cotton, not less than 90 cm x 90 cm x 127 cm	2	3	4	1
Safety Pins	Min. length of 2.5 cm	6	12	24	2
Eye Pad Sterile Dressing	Conforming bandage: min. 5 cm width and min. 1.5 m stretched length or elastically looped bandage, with an oval pad: not less than 7 cm x 5 cm	2	3	4	1
Sterile Adhesive Dressings	Water resistant, sterile, an island design, individually wrapped, min. surface area of 7.5 cm ² , dressing pad not less than 20% of the area	40	60	100	10
Saline Cleansing Wipes	Individually wrapped, sterile, min. of 80 mm ²	20	30	40	4
Adhesive Tape	Roll, individually wrapped, min. 2.5 cm width, 5 m length or 3 m long for the travel kit	1	1	1	1
Nitrile Disposable Gloves	Conforming to BS EN 455-1 and BS EN 455-2, large size (8-9)	6 pairs	9 pairs	12 pairs	1 pair
Finger Sterile Dressing	Conforming bandage: min. 3.5 cm width and min. 30 cm stretched length, with a dressing pad: min. 3.5 cm ²	2	3	4	0
Resuscitation Face Shield**	Includes a one-way valve	1	1	2	1
Foil Blanket	130 cm x 210 cm	1	2	3	1
Eye Wash	Min. effective volume of 250 ml, sterile	0	0	0	1
Burn Dressing***	Water-based gel-soaked dressing, sterile, min. 100 mm ² surface area	1	2	2	1
Shears	Suitable for cutting clothing, including leather	1	1	1	1
Conforming Bandage	Min. 7.5 cm width and 4 m stretched length	1	2	2	1

* The quantities in the travel first aid kit are appropriate for one person only.

** A shield that can be used to protect a first-aider from infection from a casualty during mouth to mouth resuscitation.

*** A burn dressing cools the burn injury without any pre-cooling with water or any other medium. The dressing does not dry out within one hour of application.

NOTE
Attention is drawn to the Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations 1981 Approved Code of Practice and guidance [1] for details on guidance leaflets.



First Aid Kits

BS8599-1 Compliant Workplace First Aid Kits What's New?

As can be seen from the table of contents opposite the new BS-8599-1 Compliant Workplace First Aid Kit content is significantly more comprehensive than the old kit content.

The new products included in the BS-8599-1 Compliant Workplace First Aid Kits are as follows:



Saline Cleansing Wipes

The new Saline Wipes allow for use on an open wound, whereas the old non alcohol wipe could only be used to cleanse unbroken skin.



Microporous Tape

Multipurpose, comfortable paper tape with a microporous, non-woven backing and low allergy adhesive. Used for securing dressings.



Nitrile Gloves

Nitrile Gloves are latex free and offer a far superior glove in terms of both protection, comfort and sensitivity compared with the vinyl glove in the old kit content. Our Nitrile Gloves conform to AQL 1.5, CE Class 1 Medical Grade and are in compliance with BS EN 455.



Finger Dressing

This is a new dressing added to the new kit content. This dressing is used on small cuts to fingers. It comprises of a small low adherent pad attached to a conforming bandage.



Resuscitation Face Shield

The Resuscitation Face Shield includes a one way valve and provides a hygienic barrier when giving mouth to mouth resuscitation, minimising the risk of cross infection.



Foil Blanket

Ideal for retaining & maintaining body heat in cold conditions and in the treatment of injuries and patients suffering from shock.



Burn Dressing

Burns dressings cool the burn injury without any pre-cooling with water or any other medium. The dressing does not dry out within one hour of application.



Tufkut Shears

Tufkut shears are blunt ended scissors which allow the cutting of dressings/ bandages but can also be used to safely remove items of clothing.



Conforming Bandage

This can be used as a form of retention and also offer light support.



Eye Wash

Sterile Sodium Chloride 0.9% solution can be used for eye and wound irrigation where access to water may not be available.

Is your First Aid Kit up to Date?