



The new standard for First Aid Kits

The BSI published the new BS-8599 British Standard Workplace First Aid Kits on 30th June 2011. The date for businesses to conform to the new standard is thought to be sometime during 2012. Many companies are still selling the old style kits, but top-up kits are being sold to supplement existing kits.

Category of Hazard	Number of Employees	Kit Required
Low	Less than 25	Small
Office and Shops	25-100	Medium
	More than 100	1 Large kit per 100 employees
High	Less than 5	Small
Other	5-25	Medium
	More than 25	1 Large kit per 25 employees

	Small	Medium	Large	Travel
Guidance Card	1	1	1	1
Contents List	1	1	1	1
Medium Dressing	4	6	8	1
Large Dressing	1	2	2	1
Triangular Bandage	2	3	4	1
Safety Pins	6	12	24	2
Sterile Eye pad	2	3	4	-
Sterile Dressings	40	60	100	10
Alcohol Free Wipes	20	30	40	4
Adhesive Tape	1	1	1	1
Pair Nitrile Gloves	6	9	12	1
Sterile Finger Dressing	2	3	4	-
Resuscitation Faceshield	1	1	2	1
Foil Blanket	1	2	3	1
Burn Dressing	1	2	2	1
Shears	1	1	1	1
Conforming Bandage	1	2	2	1
Eyewash 250ml	-	-	-	1

Note:

Whilst this fact sheet gives general guidance on the law relating to this topic at the time of drafting, it is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to this area of law. You are advised to seek specific advice in relation to any particular issues that need to be addressed in relation to this topic by a competent person.

