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First Aid at Work Kits

New BSi standard, BS 8599-1:2011 outlining the provision of First Aid within the workplace has allowed the HSE to change its Code of Practice and guidance to propose new BSi standard First Aid Kit content as the recommended content for employers.

This standard replaces the British Healthcare Trade Association (BHTA) guidelines set out in 1997 for HSE kits for small (10 employees), medium (20 employees) and large (50 employees) companies. The BHTA standard has been withdrawn from 31 December 2011.

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations

The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 states that

“An employer shall provide or ensure that there are provided such equipment and facilities as are adequate and appropriate in the circumstances for enabling first aid to be rendered to employees if they are injured or become ill at work”.

New BSi First Aid Kit Contents

The new BSi first aid kits are now the only safe and clear way for an employer to meet their obligations and are outlined below for small, medium, and large companies as well as travelling employees.

BSi Contents	FIRST AID KIT SIZES			
	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	TRAVEL
Burn Relief Dressing 10cm x 10cm	1	2	2	1
Washproof Assorted Plasters	40	60	100	10
Eye Pad Dressing with Bandage Sterile	2	3	4	1
Foil Blanket Adult Size	1	2	3	1
Large HSE Dressing 18cm x 18cm Sterile Unboxed	1	2	2	1
Medium HSE Dressing 12cm x 12cm Sterile Unboxed	4	6	8	1
Nitrile Gloves Pair	6	9	12	1
Mouth to mouth Resuscitation Device with Valve	1	1	2	1
Finger Dressing with Adhesive Fixing 3.5cm	2	3	4	-
First Aid Guidance Leaflet	1	1	1	1
Conforming Bandage 7.5cm x 4m	1	2	2	1
Microporous Tape 2.5cm x 5m	1	1	1	1
Cleansing Wipes	20	30	40	4
Safety Pins Assorted	6	12	24	2
Single Use Triangular Bandage 90cm x 127cm	2	3	4	1
Universal Shears Small 6"	1	1	1	1
Eye Wash 250ml	-	-	-	1

As you can see, the new kits have good quantities of plasters, sterile wipes and gloves, and less bandages and dressings reflecting demand and training protocol. Key additional items include a Burns Gel Dressing, Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation Device, a Foil Emergency Blanket and Eye Wash.

For more information on the New First Aid at Work Kits or any other health and safety services, please contact us on 028 9042 3222 or email enquiries@quadraconsulting.com.

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