

BS8599-1:2019 Compliant

Critical Injury



Supplementary First Aid Kit



Guidance for employers on supplementary first aid kits in a workplace environment.

The BS8599-1:2019 Guidelines have been updated and now include recommendations on supplementary kits as an extra resource to British Standard Compliant Small, Medium, Large and Travel & Motoring First Aid Kits.

The following table provides guidance for employers on quantities of Critical Injury Packs for the workplace.

Type of Kit or Pack	Quantity and size of first aid kit
CRITICAL INJURY PACK <i>e.g. work with dangerous machinery or sharp instruments, cutting equipment, power tools, construction, agriculture, forestry, etc.</i>	Appropriate numbers of this pack should be stored, in line with the risks assessed. Employers should take into consideration the maximum number of people on site at any one time.

Also available:

PERSONAL ISSUE FIRST AID KIT
Containing basic first aid components for one person. e.g. maintenance, security personnel, cleaners, first aiders, etc.



What does the law say?

The Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations 1981 states:

"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 his employees if they are injured or become ill at work"

The new range of BS8599-1 compliant first aid kits, fully revised for the new 2019 update to the standard. These kits reflect the changes in both workplace practice and risks, making them demonstrably more 'fit for purpose' in today's working environments. For peace of mind, the provision of a kit with this updated content is a clear and definitive way for employers to demonstrate they are serious about meeting their legal obligations under the Health & Safety First Aid Regulations.

The Critical Injury Pack is designed to provide immediate, life-saving first aid to someone who has sustained a severe bleeding injury in the workplace.

UK Ambulance Services are targeted on reaching a patient within 8 minutes, however, when dealing with catastrophic bleeding every second counts and can mean the difference between life and death. There is nothing in the standard Small/Medium/Large First Aid Kits that be used to stem a catastrophic bleed.

Recent Health & Safety Executive guidance now recommends employers provide Haemostatic Dressings and Tourniquets in their first aid provisions for employees working with an identified risk of obtaining severe bleeding injuries.

The Critical Injury Pack is designed to be issued one per person (obviously only to employees exposed to the risk). The injured person then has their pack used on them, rather than a first aider using their pack on someone else.

The HSE recommends that employers arrange training for staff if tourniquets and/or haemostatic dressings are provided in the workplace.

The Critical Injury Pack is also intended for Drop/Throw distribution in the event of a mass casualty incident; such as a terrorist attack.

Police can't allow Paramedics into the hot zone of any mass casualty incident until it has been declared safe. This can take a long time, especially if there a lot of areas to clear and this may be too long for the immediate treatment that is required for the types of severe bleeding injuries which are incurred in these types of situations. The Critical Injury Pack can be stored in bulk to allow bystanders and patients already in the restricted areas to treat wounds.

BS8599-1:2019 Supplementary First Aid Kits

Supplementary first aid kits for the workplace as an extra resource British Standard Compliant Small, Medium, Large and Travel & Motoring First Aid Kits.

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3225	1	Application in Soft Bag	£110.00
3226	1	Application, in Red Poly Bag	£100.00
3227	10	Applications, in Red Poly Bag, in Single Wall Cabinet	£555.00
3228	40	Applications, in Red Poly Bag, in Double Wall Cabinet	£1,250.00

SINGLE APPLICATION CRITICAL INJURY PACK CONTENTS	2 Dressings, Trauma, Large	1 Guidance Leaflet
	1 Foil Blanket, Adult	1 Shears
	2 Dressing, Haemostatic	1 Tourniquet
	2 Gloves, Pairs	

