



BS 8599-1 COMPLIANT KITS

When will the new standard come into force?

BS8599-1 compliant kits are effective from 30th June 2011, with a transitional introduction period until 31st December 2011.

The old standard

This standard replaces the BHTA-HSE kits 10, 20 and 50, that are currently universally used in the UK, and are based on the HSE guidelines. The Current BHTA standard was published in 1997, and is long overdue a review. The BHTA standard will be withdrawn from 31st December 2011.

What the law says...

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 BS8599-1 compliant first aid kits are now the only safe and clear way for an employer to meet their obligations...

The HSE position

The Health and Safety Executive have been closely involved in the creation of this standard, being members of the BSi standards committee. The current guidelines contained in document L74 from the HSE are met and exceeded by the new BS8599-1 compliant standard.

Why did we need a new standard?

Despite many EU states having a national standard for workplace first aid kits, until now, the UK did not. The BHTA guidelines, established in 1997 were in need of revision because training protocols have changed, there are heightened concerns with infection control, and new technology is now available at affordable prices.

There were only one pair of gloves in a 10 person kit - yet 33 dressings.

There were 4 triangular bandages - even though the training protocols no longer indicate their use for immobilisation of lower limb fractures. Burns gel dressings are extensively used in first aid - now very available and affordable.

The new kits have good quantities of plasters and wipes, a common criticism of the old ones.

CONTENTS**FIRST AID KIT SIZES**

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

Which kit do I need?

Category of hazard	Number of Employees	Size of First Aid Kit
Low hazard e.g. shops, offices, libraries etc.	Less than 25	Small size kit
	25 – 100	Medium size kit
	more than 100	1 Large kit per 100 employees
High hazard e.g. light engineering and assembly work, food processing, warehousing, extensive work with dangerous machinery or sharp instruments, construction, chemical manufacture etc.	Less than 5	Small size kit
	5 – 25	Medium size kit
	more than 25	1 large kit per 25 employees

Price List

688 -SMALL KIT - £29.25

330- SMALL KIT - £32.20

343 –MEDIUM KIT - £42.90

348-LARGE KIT - £61.50

366 -SMALL KIT- £29.25

380- MEDIUM KIT-£42.00

384-LARGE KIT-£60.50



New Contents Explained

GLOVES

More quantity reflecting the need, and Nitrile type in line with NHS and St. John Ambulance guidelines. Plasters sensible quantities, reflecting consumer demand.

WIPES

Increased quantities, reflecting consumer demand. New specification is sterile and now must meet the European CE marking rules.

MEDIUM AND LARGE DRESSINGS

Fewer quantities, reflecting consumer demand.

TRIANGULAR BANDAGES

Quantities are reduced reflecting the change in training first aid protocol, where immobilisation of lower limbs using triangular bandages is no longer indicated.

FINGER DRESSINGS

A smaller finger dressing is introduced specifically for finger injuries that are too large for first aid plasters, dressing complete with an easy-fix adhesive tab.

BURNS GEL DRESSING

Every employer with as much as a kettle, must have a risk from burns. A modern burns gel dressing is added to meet this risk, together with a conforming bandage to attach and retain it.

ADHESIVE TAPE

Many first aiders prefer not to use safety pins, where additional injury could potentially be caused, adhesive tape is an easy and inexpensive way to secure dressings and bandages. Safety pins are retained, allowing users a choice of application.

SHEARS

Clothing around wound sites needs to be removed to allow first aid treatment.

Shears, capable of cutting fabric and leather enable this removal.

FOIL EMERGENCY BLANKET

Clinical shock presents one of the most serious life threatening risks to a casualty, treatment includes keeping the casualty warm. The introduction of the foil survival blanket enables this.

MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION DEVICE

The introduction of a mouth to mouth resuscitation device, incorporating a one way valve, protects the first aider from infection from body fluid pathogens.

EYE WASH

Incorporated into the travel kit since fixed eye wash stations are unlikely to be available.

The environment of a travelling worker is unpredictable and could include a risk to eyes.

FIRST AID GUIDANCE LEAFLET

Conforming to the latest HSE guidance.

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