

BS8599-1 Compliant First Aid Kits

Description

The first new standard for Statutory First Aid Kits in the workplace since 1997, these kits reflect the changes in both workplace practice and risks, making them demonstrably more 'fit for purpose' in today's environment.

For peace of mind, the provision of a kit with this updated content is now the only clear and definitive way for employers to demonstrate they are serious about meeting their legal obligations under the Health and Safety First Aid Regulations.

Dimensions: Small & Medium Aura Style Kits - **Height:** 27.5cm, **Width:** 29cm, **Depth:** 10cm
Large Aura Style Kits - **Height:** 33cm, **Width:** 35cm, **Depth:** 9.5cm



F.A.Q

Question: Are these new standards compulsory or just good working practice?

Answer: The standard is (as all BS standards are) not compulsory.

Question: Do all the products have to be housed in one kit (as some can't hold all the items) or is two boxes Ok?

Answer: The kit must be in one container to meet the standard, the kit has been designed to fit into existing boxes.

Question: What are the fines and penalties for companies who refuse to upgrade and refuse to spend more money?

Answer: There are no penalties, but there are no penalties with the existing guidelines either. The problem comes when there is an accident, the defence for both criminal and civil action is for an employer to demonstrate that they have followed guidelines and standards. As an example, if an employee sustained a burn at work which subsequently caused scarring, it is quite likely that a civil action would use the failure to follow the British Standard as a strong case for significant compensation. In a similar way, if a construction firm provided its builders with hard hats that were not to British Standard, and a builder sustained a head injury . . . It's unthinkable that any building firm would not follow the British Standard. The same goes for an employer who chose not to use a BS fire extinguisher, it is similarly unthinkable.

We strongly suspect that the new standard will become just as universal as the old one in a short time.

Question: Why does there appear to be nothing about this new law on the HSE official website?

Answer: The HSE moves very slowly. Their publications, approved code of practice and guidelines are under review now. They have been part of the process, being members of the standards committee. Don't expect this to change anytime soon, the HSE are never fast with these things.

Question: Apart from the BS number, where are you quoting the Law from?

Answer: Health and Safety (First Aid) Act 1981, Approved Code of Practice and Guidance L74

Kit size requirement advice

Employers are required to make a risk assessment to decide what the hazard levels are and how many employees are involved in the area to be covered. Below is a useful guide provided to help match this risk assessment to an appropriate size kit.

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