

British Standard First Aid Kits

In recognising the need to ensure that current workplace first aid provision is adequate and appropriate the British Standards Institute (BSI) has created a new British Standard first aid kit for the workplace, BS 8599. This is due to be promoted to businesses and organisations from January 1st 2012, although the kits are available now.

From the HSE's perspective the contents of the first aid kit are dependent on the needs assessment so it doesn't matter, provided this assessment has been done, whether a duty holder purchases a kit off the shelf, a bespoke first aid kit or purchases a kit that matches standard BS 8599. The HSE are revising their own guidelines and have said that they **will** refer to these new standards as part of their recommendations.

Below is a list of the recommended contents for BS 8599, including our prices, In addition, each of the individual items are available should you wish to top up your existing stock or add any of the new items.

What has changed?

Disposable gloves

The number of disposable gloves has been increased and the recommendation is that they should now be "nitrile".

Triangular Bandages

The number of triangular bandages has been decreased as other items may be more appropriate.

Finger Dressings

Small absorbent wound dressings for fingers have been introduced.

Hypoallergenic adhesive tape

This tearable tape can be used to secure dressings.

Gel Burn Dressings

These water based sterile dressings do not require any pre-cooling with water and are secured by a conforming bandage.

Clothing Cutters

Used to cut bandages and any clothing around a wound

Resuscitation face shields

These are for first aiders performing mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Foil Blankets

These are designed for keeping a casualty warm in cases of shock and cold temperatures

**British Standard Compliant
Workplace First Aid Kits- BS8599**



Contents	Small	Medium	Large	Travel Bum bag or nylon case	Paediatric Kit (not BS 8599)
First Aid Guidance Leaflet	1	1	1	1	1
First Aid Dressings 12x12cm	4	6	8	1	1
First Aid Dressings 18x18cm	1	2	2	1	1
Triangular Bandages	2	3	4	1	2
Safety Pins	12	12	24	12	-
Eye Dressings (small wounds)	2	3	4	1	2
Sterile Eye Wash	-	-	-	2 (20ml pods)	-
Sterile Plasters	40	60	100	20	20
Sterile Wipes	20	30	40	4	-
Microporus Tape, 2.5cmx5m	1	1	1	1	1
Nitrile Gloves (Pair)	6	9	12	1	2
Finger Dressings	2	3	4	-	-
Face Shields	1	1	2	1	1
Foil Blankets	1	2	3	1	-
Burn Dressing 10x10cm	1	2	2	-	-
Clothing Cutters	1	1	1	1	-
Round ended scissors	-	-	-	-	1
Conforming Bandages, 7.5cm	1	2	2	1	1
Kit Price	£16	£22	£28	£10	£10

Individual First Aid Accessories

	Prices Per item
Empty Nylon case- 25x18x7	6.00
Empty Nylon travel case-16x12	4.00
Empty Bum bag	4.00
Sterile Plasters	1.00 (pk 20)
First Aid Dressings 12x12cm	0.40
First Aid Dressings 18x18cm	0.50
Triangular Bandages	0.50
Safety Pins	0.30 (pk 12)
Eye Dressings (small wounds)	0.30
Sterile Eye Wash	0.40 (20ml pod)
Finger dressings	0.40
Sterile Wipes	1.00 (pk10)
Microporus Tape, 2.5cmx5m	0.70
Nitrile Gloves (Pair)	0.20
Vinyl gloves (Pair)	0.20
Finger Dressings	0.40
Face Shields	0.50
Compact Ice packs	0.60
Foil Blankets	1.00
Burn Dressing 10x10cm	5.50
Clothing Cutters	2.00
Round ended safety scissors	1.00
Gauze swabs	0.60 (pk 5)
Conforming Bandages, 7.5cm	0.35
Cotton finger bandages x2	1.20 (pair)
Resuscitation face shield	.50