



BS8599-1 Compliant vs. HSE First Aid Kits

What is the difference in legislation?

Although workplaces have changed in the past decade, the standard guidance on first aid kits under the Health & Safety Executive Regulations (HSE) has remained static since 1981. The HSE provides some guidance on the type of items that should be in a first aid kit, but not the quantities. With no changes in regulation since 1981, it was evident that a new standard needed to be implemented.

BS8599-1 compliant kits have been improved to meet current hazards and risks. They take into account development of innovative modern products and updated first aid practices. The BS8599-1 compliant kits provide a simple method for employers to choose a kit that matches their risk assessment and demonstrate compliance with the law.

BHTA 10, 20, and 50 person standard (HSE) kits are now widely considered obsolete.

	REF 112 HSE 10 PERSON	REF 330 BS8599 SMALL	REF 113 HSE 20 PERSON	REF 343 BS8599 MEDIUM	REF 114 HSE 50 PERSON	REF 348 BS8599 LARGE
Burn Dressings	-	1	-	2	-	2
Cleansing Wipes	6	20	10	30	20	40
Conforming Bandages	-	1	-	2	-	2
Eye Pad Dressings	2	2	4	3	6	4
Finger Dressings	-	2	-	3	-	4
Foil Blankets	-	1	-	2	-	3
Gloves (Pairs)	1	6	2	9	3	12
Guidance Leaflet	1	1	1	1	1	1
Large HSE Dressings	2	1	3	2	4	2
Medium HSE Dressings	6	4	9	6	12	8
Microporous Tape	-	1	-	1	-	1
Plasters (Assorted)	20	40	40	60	60	100
Resuscitation Shield	-	1	-	1	-	2
Safety Pins	6	6	12	12	12	24
Triangular Bandage	4	2	6	3	8	4
Universal Shears	-	1	-	1	-	1