

SAFETY COMPENDIUM – FIRST AID CABINETS



First aid is the immediate care given to a person who has been injured or has been suddenly taken ill.

Requirements

A first aid cabinet or kit (see examples above):

- Should be provided for every 50 to 75 employees. Facilities with fewer than 50 employees may have either first aid kits or first aid cabinets.
- Must be maintained under the direction of the local facility manager or supervisor and the district occupational health nurse administrator.
- Should store only authorized supplies.
- Must contain sterile materials that are individually wrapped so that unused portions do not become contaminated through handling.
- Must be locked to control access. The key may be retained by the first responder, facility supervisor, or designee.
- Maintenance procedures should be established to see that first aid supplies are kept up to date, clean, and sanitary.
- Must display the following Emergency telephone numbers on the inside and prominently on the cabinet or kit door or lid:

Health unit
First responder
Ambulance service or rescue squad

Hospital or clinic
Fire department
Police department

First aid cabinet or kit contents:

- Must be easily recognized in an emergency.
- Should be arranged so that the desired package can be found quickly without unpacking the entire contents.
- Must be items that can be refilled from most drugstores or through first aid equipment distributors.
- Must contain individually wrapped packets.
- The first aid logbook must have the following entries:
 - The name of the employee for whom treatment was rendered.
 - The name of the employee who assisted the injured employee.
 - The nature of the injury.
 - The service rendered, date, and supplies used.

First Aid Cabinet Contents:

Adhesive tape — 1" and 2"

Band-Aids

Individually wrapped alcohol wipes

CPR mask (microshield)

Individually wrapped Betadine wipes

Disposable gloves

Arm sling

Eye irrigation solution

Gauze roll 2"

Eye patches

Gauze pads 3"x 3" sterile and nonsterile

Logbook

Nonadherent dressings (adaptic)

No medications to be consumed orally are allowed in the first aid cabinets.