

# Get wise to Critical Injury Packs and Personal Issue Kits



## A guide on Critical Injury Packs and Personal Issue Kits

### Critical Injury Pack

The Critical Injury Pack contains advanced first aid products, designed to stem catastrophic blood loss and treat life threatening injuries. It is recommended that the Critical Injury Pack is provided wherever a substantial risk of injury has been identified and to supplement first aid kits conforming to the British Standard (BS 8599-1:2019).

#### Where should a Critical Injury Pack be provided?

A Critical Injury Pack should be provided in any workplace where there is risk of critical injury. A Critical Injury Pack should be available to each employee exposed to these risks.

Examples include: work with dangerous machinery or sharp instruments, cutting equipment, power tools, construction, agriculture, forestry, etc.

It is highly recommended that employees responsible for the delivery of first aid in the workplace be trained in the use of the Critical Injury Pack and its contents, specifically the haemostatic dressings and tourniquet.

Critical Injury Packs can also be stored in large quantities for distribution in an emergency. Following a risk assessment, an employer should consider storing appropriate quantities of Critical Injury Packs to treat injuries to employees or the public, resulting from acts of terrorism or other mass casualty incidents.



#### What is the recommended quantity?

Appropriate numbers of the Critical Injury Pack should be stored, in line with the risks assessed. Employers should take into consideration the maximum number of people on site at any one time, each pack is designed to treat one person.

#### What's inside?

- 1 x guidance leaflet
- 1 x contents list
- 2 x pairs of nitrile disposable gloves
- 1 x foil blanket
- 1 x pair of universal shears
- 2 x large trauma dressings
- 2 x haemostatic dressings
- 1 x emergency tourniquet

#### References

- HSE - <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>
- British Standard BS 8599-1 - <https://shop.bsigroup.com/SearchResults/?q=first%20aid%20kit>





### Personal Issue Kit

The personal issue kit is intended to be issued to first aiders and other employees where appropriate to their role (e.g. security personnel, cleaners, maintenance, etc). This kit should be provided in addition to an appropriate number of British Standard compliant first aid kits being available in the workplace.

This convenient kit contains essential first aid products to enable basic first aid to be provided quickly and easily.

### What is the recommended quantity?

It is recommended that one personal issue kit be issued to each first aider and any other employee as required, following a needs assessment.

### What's inside?

- 1 x guidance leaflet
- 1 x contents list
- 1 x large sterile dressing
- 1 x triangular bandage
- 10 x sterile adhesive dressings
- 4 x alcohol free cleansing wipes
- 2 x pairs of nitrile gloves
- 1 x face shield
- 1 x foil blanket
- 1 x pair of universal shears

### Where to get one?

Please visit the BHTA Website – go to “Find a Member” and search for “First Aid Medical Equipment” for further information on reputable brands, manufacturers and suppliers.



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