

Ask the Expert: How Many First Aid Kits Must a Workplace Have?



QUESTION

Are there specific rules on the number and type of first aid kits a (federally regulated) workplace must have?

ANSWER

Yes, not just in the federal but all jurisdictions.

EXPLANATION

[Sec. 16.7 of the federal OHS Regs.](#) says that every workplace must have 'a first aid kit' required under Schedule I, which sets out the type of kit 'A, B, C or D' required based on the number of employees.

Federal OHS Regulations Schedule I: First Aid Kit Requirements

Column 1. Number of Employees	Column 2. Type of First Aid Kit Required
2 to 5	A
6 or more, where first aid attendant must have at least a basic first aid certificate	B

6 or more, where first aid attendant must have at least a standard first aid certificate	C
1, detached from the main party in a remote workplace	D
1 to 3, travelling by snowmobile or other small vehicle, other than a truck, van or automobile	D

Schedule II (which you can access using the above hyperlink) sets out the components and quantity of each item that a Type A, B, C and D kit must contain. Schedule III lists additional items required for remote workplaces.