

First Aid Kits for Workshops

DT Workshop Equipment Reference — D&T / STEM resource for school workshops | Safety & First Aid



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A workshop first aid kit holds dressings, bandages, plasters, eye wash and burn treatment for the cuts, grazes, splinters, burns and eye injuries common around tools. Kits must be stocked, checked and placed where every bench worker can reach one quickly.

Key Features

- BS 8599 or regional standard contents
- Burn dressings and eye wash bottles included
- Wall-mounted or portable carry cases
- Clear contents label and contents list
- Separate mini kits for machines or areas

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Treat cuts, grazes and splinters at the bench
- Cool and dress burns promptly
- Flush particles from eyes before medical help
- Support minor incident management in lessons

Safe Operation

1. Look after the casualty and stop work at the bench
2. Wash your hands and use gloves from the kit
3. Apply direct pressure for bleeding wounds
4. Cool burns under running water for 20 minutes
5. Record the incident in the accident book

SAFETY NOTES

- Do not remove large embedded objects
- Flush eyes with the eye wash and seek help
- Make sure the kit is marked and known to classes
- Replace used items immediately
- Check expiry dates each term

Maintenance & Consumables

- Check stock against the contents list monthly
- Replace out-of-date items and top up consumables
- Clean and restock after every use
- Keep the kit close to work areas, not locked away
- Train staff in the annual first aid update

Specification & Buying Notes

Buy a kit that meets the local standard for workshops with multiple students, plus extra burn gel and eye wash refills. A wall board with the kit visible beats a drawer nobody finds in a hurry.