

First Aid

Any threat of life or serious injury or illness - 911 should be called immediately

First-Aid Kits

OSHA is requiring that employers provide first-aid kits. The proposed standard contained this provision.

Paragraph (d)(2)(i) of the final rule requires that first-aid kits be at each work site, at each landing and on each employee transport vehicle.

The final rule also requires that the employer, in determining the appropriate number and contents of first-aid kits, to consider the degree of isolation of the work site, the number of employees at the work site and the hazards reasonably anticipated at that work site. The further a crew is from a central landing, the more crucial a first-aid kit is for that remote crew.

Blood Born Pathogens

Routes of entry

- Eyes
- Mouth
- Nose
- Skin

Compliant Gloves should be in every first aid box and replenished when supply is low.

Always cover open wounds

Wash hands immediately if you have an exposure incident.

Never share personal items such as:

- Lib Balm
- Cosmetics
- Razors
- Drinking Cups
- Combs and Brushes
- Eye Drops

29 CFR 1910.151 applies to all employers, even small employers in general industry, regardless of size, except for state and local government entities and employers that fall under the jurisdiction of other Federal Agencies.

What if an employer has 27 locations or offices and only one (the headquarters) has a health unit?

Response: The employer may seek assistance from outside first aid professionals that can meet the required response times, or the employer may provide his own adequately staffed and trained first aid staff that can meet the required response times for all locations.

Does it apply to offices?

Response: Yes, 29 CFR 1910.151 does apply to offices.

The employer shall ensure the ready availability of medical personnel for advice and consultation on matters of facility health.

In the absence of an infirmary, clinic, or hospital in near proximity to the workplace which is used for the treatment of all injured employees, a person or persons shall be

Where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use.

- An adequate supply of potable water shall be provided in all places of employment.
- Portable containers used to dispense drinking water shall be capable of being tightly closed, and equipped with a tap. Water shall not be dipped from containers.