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IT'S THE MONTH OF LOVE

Let's care enough to keep our employees safe and healthy!

Your team works hard every day.

They deserve to feel safe and cared for on the job. Their safety is YOUR top priority, but accidents do happen...



So how can you do your best to ensure their health and wellbeing?

The OHS Act General Safety
Regulation section 3 gives us the
answers:

An employer shall take all reasonable steps that are necessary under the circumstances, to ensure that persons at work receive prompt first aid treatment in case of injury or emergency.

And what are these steps?

Read on...



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Where more than five people are employed at a workplace, the employer must provide at least one accessible first aid kit available on site.

The kit must contain AT LEAST all the equipment outlined in General Safety Regulation 3 (Annexure) plus suitable equipment to treat injuries that are likely to occur at that specific workplace depending on the nature of the work performed and the number of employees.



Where more than ten people are employed, the employer must ensure that there is at least one qualified and competent First Aid representative for every group of up to fifty workers (in the case of a shop or an office, this changes to every group of up to 100 employees).



If the workplace handles, processes or manufactures hazardous substances, the First Aid representative/s must be trained to treat injuries resulting from exposure to these substances.

If dangers include eye injury through contact with dangerous substances, there must be an eyewash fountain close by.



If dangers include skin injuries through sudden absorption of hazardous substances, there must be a fast-reacting deluge shower (or similar) close by.



In a workplace where hazardous substances are used, handled or manufactured, an employee with an open wound may not continue working until the wound has been cleaned with soap and water or with a diluted disinfectant.

Every workplace should display a clear and prominent notice indicating where the first aid kit is located as well as the name of the First Aid representative/s.



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