HOW ARE KITS CLASSIFIED?

First aid kits are classified based on the assortment and quantity of first aid supplies intended to deal with most types of injuries and sudden illnesses that may be encountered in the workplace. These may include major and minor wounds, minor burns, sprains and strains, and eye injuries.

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CAN OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINE BE PLACED IN THE KIT?

Over-the-counter medicine can be put in first aid kits if packaged in single-dose, tamper-evident packaging and labeled as required by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations. Over-the-counter drug products should not contain ingredients known to cause drowsiness.

IS A CONSULTING PHYSICIAN REQUIRED TO APPROVE SUPPLIES?

No. According to 29 CFR 1910.151, first aid supplies do not need to be approved by a consulting physician. They should, however, be selected by a person competent in first aid and knowledgeable of the hazards found in the specific workplace.

WHAT IF I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact the Dept. of Environmental Health & Safety at X4804.

REFERENCES

- 29 CFR 1910.151(b) - Medical Services and First Aid