

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY

According to the National Safety Council, an employee is injured on the job every seven seconds, due to slips, falls, strains, cuts, collisions, and crashes, etc.

This is why having first aid kits in workplaces is required across all industries. In the event of an emergency, employees are better equipped to handle a workplace injury and minimize the impact of accidents, especially in high-risk areas, if they have access to a first aid kit. A first aid kit is a collection of safety equipment and supplies, kept readily accessible, to provide initial care in emergencies and in treatment of minor injuries. They serve as the first line of defense until professional medical help arrives.

In an emergency, only Cintas first-aid kits should be used to avoid any potential liability.

Cintas First Aid Kits

WNC is fortunate to have a large number (23) of Cintas first-aid kits in key locations on our campuses. They are inspected monthly by Cintas and supplies are uniformly refilled. OSHA Standard (1910/1910.266(d)(2) sets forth the acceptable number of first aid kits and the type of supplies required. Contents are standardized to ensure effectiveness in addressing common emergencies and ensure that contents are not past their expiration dates. First aid kit contents can vary, but usually include items such as scissors, tweezers, antiseptic wipes, bandages, adhesive tape, etc.

WNC's Cintas first aid kits far exceed OSHA requirements in both number and supplies provided.

Personal First Aid Kits

WNC also has a large number of personal (non-Cintas) first aid kits located in offices, break rooms, shops, laboratories, etc. These personal first aid kits are not regulated, inspected, or uniform in their contents, and may contain personal or expired medications. They should not be offered to the public, as they may result in allergic reactions, potential misuse, and adverse side effects, raising both legal and liability issues in the process.

In addition, WNC encourages all employees to complete a free CPR and AED class that includes instruction on First Aid. You may sign up through WNC Continuing Education.

FIRST AID KITS

Field Trip "Go Kits"



Eight (8) First Aid "Go-Kits" have been purchased to accompany faculty and programs during field trips.

The Go Kits are equipped with first aid bandages, ointments, a snake and bee sting suction kit, and instructions.

Field Trip Go Kits will be signed out, picked up, and returned to:

- Fallon: Virgil Getto
Admin Area
- Carson: Bristlecone
Art and Science Admin
Asst.
- Carson: Reynolds
Career Technical Ed
Admin Asst.
- Carson: Cedar Allied
Health Admin Asst.

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