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BS 8599-1:2019+A1:2026 – Proposed amendment list

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The proposed amendment to this document is presented here in the form of a list of changes to the relevant sections of the text, drawings etc. We are only inviting comments on these changes. Any comments on the rest of the document are likely to be reserved for the next revision.

1 Universal changes

Change ‘catastrophic’ to ‘life threatening’ throughout the standard.

2 Update title

Update title to reflect the addition of AEDs to the standard. Change from: “Workplace first aid kits - Part 1: Specification for the contents of workplace first aid kits” to the below.

Workplace first aid kits — Part 1: Contents of first aid kits and provision of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the workplace — Specification

3 Clause 1, Scope

Adjust the Scope wording so it is inclusive of AEDs.

This part of BS 8599 specifies requirements for the compilation of first aid **A1** kits and their contents and the provision and placement of AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) **A1** for use in a workplace environment. Requirements are also given for their containers.

NOTE 1 Annex A gives recommendations on the quantities and sizes of first aid kits necessary for different workplace environments based on the category of risk and the number of employees at the workplace.

NOTE 2 Annex B gives guidance for employers on quantities of supplementary first aid kits (Personal issue first aid kits and Critical injury packs).

NOTE 3 For the avoidance of doubt, this standard does not supersede BS 8599-2 for vehicle first aid kits, employers should refer to BS 8599-2 when equipping vehicles with first aid kits.

4 Clause 3, Terms and definitions

Update term 3.2 from ‘Emergency dressing’ to ‘Trauma dressing’ and add two new terms and definitions, as below.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

portable electronic first aid device used to recognise and treat some life threatening cardiac arrhythmias through defibrillation, which involves delivering a controlled electric shock to restore a normal heart rhythm

NOTE 1 An AED may be semi-automatic or fully automatic.

NOTE 2 Users of an AED should not require training to effectively utilize the device in its intended function.

eye wash first aid kit

first aid kit (3.X) containing products used to treat eye injuries

5 Move Table 1 to Clause 4

6 Table 1, Contents of a workplace first aid kit

Adjust the title of Table 1 to 'Contents of workplace first aid kits' and add two new columns to account for the addition of burns and eyewash first aid kits and the additional components that are included in them.