

Vehicle first aid kit

QFleet driver safety fact sheet

Vehicle first aid kits can be an important addition to a vehicle.

It is the responsibility of each agency to decide if a first aid kit is needed for a vehicle and what each kit should contain.

Risk assessment

This decision should be based on a risk assessment performed in consultation with the agency's first aid officers and Workplace Health and Safety Committee. The risk assessment should determine if a first aid kit is needed and if any special items are to be included. For example, a metropolitan courier driver may need a different vehicle first aid kit to a field worker who regularly uses a chain saw and may be at risk from snakebite.

Issues the risk assessment should consider include:

- the type of driving and work being undertaken
- the risk of injury or death
- the distance from ambulance services and their likely call out times
- the availability of other medical support
- remote locality considerations
- first aid qualifications.

To be effective, first aid kits in vehicles must be managed in the same way as any other workplace based first aid kit. The kit should be:

- conveniently located and easily accessible

- equipped with single use, disposable, sterile equipment to minimise the risk of cross infection
- replenished as soon as practicable after use
- regularly checked to ensure that the contents are as listed
- regularly checked to ensure that the contents have not deteriorated or exceeded their use by date.



For the full suite of QFleet
Driver Safety Fact sheets
visit qfleet.qld.gov.au