

First Aid Training

A Guide for School Environments

This guidance has been provided to ensure that customers develop and maintain appropriate standards of First Aid Training in a school environment.

The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 states that in order to provide first aid to injured or ill employees,
'...a person shall not be suitable unless he has undergone such training and has such qualifications as the Health and Safety Executive may approve for the time being in respect of that case or class of case'.



For employers to comply with this Regulation, they can send their first aiders on a First Aid at Work (FAW) or Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) course to gain a certificate of competency.

These courses can only be run by HSE registered organisations.

Both of these courses are valid for 3 years. Towards the end of the three year certification period, first aiders need to undertake an FAW requalification course or another EFAW course, as appropriate, to obtain another three year certificate.

Please click on the link below to assess your requirements

http://www.acornsafety.co.uk/pdfs/AcornSafety_FirstAidChanges_October2009_update1003.pdf

Children in Early Years Settings



In September 2008 it was made mandatory for all schools and providers in Ofsted registered settings attended by young children – that is children from birth to end of the academic year in which a child has his or her fifth birthday, to have at least one person on the premises who has completed a 12 hour Paediatric First Aid course as set out in the Practice Guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The term “early years provider” includes maintained schools, non-maintained schools, independent schools, and childcare registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register, all of which are required to meet the EYFS requirements.

Additional Recommended Requirements

Many schools believe it is good practice to train other members of staff in First Aid for Infants and Children, over and above their statutory requirements.

This course is run specifically by Acorn Health and Safety Ltd and can be tailored to meet the needs of each individual school and will develop a number of basic first aid skills.

The Schools Health and Safety Department within your Local Authority will also be able to provide you with their specific recommendations.