



Osborne
Co-operative Academy Trust



First Aid Policy

Thameside Primary School

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Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust is a multi-academy trust (MAT) incorporated around the principles and values of the international co-operative movement. These are Equality, Equity, Democracy, Self-help, Self-Responsibility and Solidarity, along with the ethical values of openness, honesty, social responsibility and caring for others. These values and principles underpin all our actions.

Introduction

People can become injured or be taken ill while at work. Regardless of whether or not the injury or illness is caused by the work they do, it is important that they receive immediate attention and, in serious cases, an ambulance is called.

The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 (amended 2018) cover the arrangements that should be in place to ensure this happens, and in so doing save lives and prevent minor injuries from becoming major ones.

These arrangements include the provision of adequate and appropriate first aid equipment, facilities, and trained staff. **Appendix 2 is an assessment of needs tool that should be completed when considering first aid requirements in school or on a visit.**

Aims

The aims of our first aid policy are to:

- Ensure the health and safety of all staff, pupils and visitors
- Ensure that staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities with regards to health and safety
- Provide a framework for responding to an incident and recording and reporting the outcomes
- Ensure robust risk assessments are in place regarding first aid needs (Appendix 3, template for risk assessment)

Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the [Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage](#), advice from the Department for Education on [first aid in schools](#) and [health and safety in schools](#), advice sought from oneSource and the following legislation:

- [The Health and Safety \(First Aid\) Regulations 1981](#), which state that employers must provide adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities to enable first aid to be administered to employees, and qualified first aid personnel which require employers to make an assessment of the risks to the health and safety of their employees
- [The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#), which require employers to carry out risk assessments, make arrangements to implement necessary measures, and arrange for appropriate information and training
- [The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations \(RIDDOR\) 2013](#), which state that some accidents must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and set out the timeframe for this and how long records of such accidents must be kept
- [The Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#), which require that suitable space is provided to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils

Roles and responsibilities

Appointed person(s) and first aiders

The school's primary first aiders are responsible for:

- Taking charge when someone is injured or becomes ill

- Ensuring there is an adequate supply of medical materials in first aid kits, and replenishing the contents of these kits
- Ensuring that an ambulance or other professional medical help is summoned when needed

First aiders are trained and qualified to carry out the role and are responsible for:

- Acting as first responders to any incidents; they will assess the situation where there is an injured or ill person, and provide immediate and appropriate treatments
- Sending pupils home to recover, where necessary
- Filling in an accident report on the same day, or as soon as is reasonably practicable, after an incident (see the template in appendix 2)
- Our school's first aiders are listed in appendix 1. Their names will also be displayed prominently around the school.

The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for the implementation of this policy, including:

- Ensuring that an appropriate number of trained first aid personnel are present in the school at all times **(See appendix 4, first aid staffing flow chart)**
- Ensuring that first aiders have an appropriate qualification, keep training up to date and remain competent to perform their role
- Ensuring all staff are aware of first aid procedures
- Ensuring appropriate risk assessments are completed and appropriate measures are put in place
- Undertaking, or ensuring that managers undertake, risk assessments, as appropriate, and that appropriate measures are put in place
- Ensuring that adequate space is available for catering to the medical needs of pupils
- Reporting specified incidents to the HSE via Compliance Education when necessary

Staff

School staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring they follow first aid procedures
- Ensuring they know who the first aiders in school are
- Completing accident form (see appendix 5) for all incidents they attend to
- Ensuring the completed accident form is given to the relevant person for reporting online via the Osborne Cooperative Academy Trust accident reporting system
- Informing the Headteacher or their line manager of any specific health conditions or first aid needs

First aid procedures

In-school procedures

In the event of an accident resulting in injury:

- The closest member of staff present will assess the seriousness of the injury and seek the assistance of a qualified first aider, if appropriate, who will provide the required first aid treatment
- The first aider, if called, will assess the injury and decide if further assistance is needed from a colleague or the emergency services. They will remain on scene until help arrives
- The first aider will also decide whether the injured person should be moved or placed in a recovery position
- If the first aider judges that a pupil is too unwell to remain in school, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Upon their arrival, the first aider will recommend next steps to the parents/carers
- If emergency services are called, a member of the senior leadership team will contact parents/carers immediately

- The first aider will complete an accident report form on the same day or as soon as is reasonably practical after an incident resulting in an injury. The report must include as much detail as possible such as weather conditions, surface condition, witnesses (statements to be collected) etc.
- If a child has any specific needs their needs will be met in line with our 'Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy'
- The school has a defibrillator which is located in the school's main office

Off-site procedures

First Aid kits will be taken on all off-site activities, along with individual pupil's medication such as inhalers, epi-pens etc.

When taking pupils off the school premises, staff will ensure they always have the following:

- A mobile phone
- A portable first aid kit
- Information about the specific medical needs of pupils
- Parents'/Carers' contact details (for residential or out of hours trips only)

Risk assessments will be completed by the lead teacher prior to any educational visit that necessitates taking pupils off school premises.

There will always be at least one first aider on school trips and visits. As required by the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, for any EYFS trips this person will hold a current Paediatric First Aid Certificate.

First aid equipment

A typical first aid kit in our school will include the following:

- A leaflet with general first aid advice
- Regular and large bandages
- Eye pad bandages
- Triangular bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Disposable gloves
- Plasters of assorted sizes
- Scissors
- Cold compresses
- Burns dressings

No medication is kept in first aid kits.

First aid kits are stored in:

- The medical area in the school office
- The school hall
- The school kitchens
- School vehicle (minibus)
- Located in three points in corridors on the lower ground floor (outside oak hall, outside elm hall and on the wall by the Site Managers office)
- In the corridor outside the classrooms on the upper floor

Asthma Pumps/Epi-pens

Schools purchase asthma pumps/epi-pens to use in an emergency where parental consent has been

given.

Individual asthma pumps and epi pens are held by the class teacher for the specific pupil.

The office holds an emergency school pump/epipen in the main school office.

Record-keeping and reporting

- An accident form will be completed by the primary first aider on the same day or as soon as possible after an incident resulting in an injury. The form will be handed to the office who will record in the school bump book and make any calls required.
- Accidents to staff, visitors and accidents to pupils requiring hospital or medical treatment will be reported using the Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust Accident Form available on RM Unify
- As much detail as possible should be supplied when reporting an accident, including all of the information included in the accident form
- A record of the accident will also be added to the pupil's educational record by the first aider.

Reporting to the HSE through Compliance Education

Accidents to staff, visitors and pupils resulting in a visit to hospital or requiring medical treatment should be reported through the Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust online accident reporting system. The central team will review all accidents and liaise with Compliance Education who will report any accidents that are RIDDOR reportable to the HSE. HSE guidance on reporting incidents in schools can be found in the [HSE information sheet](#)

Reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences include:

- Death
- Specified injuries, which are:
 - Fractures, other than to fingers, thumbs and toes
 - Amputations
 - Any injury likely to lead to permanent loss of sight or reduction in sight
 - Any crush injury to the head or torso causing damage to the brain or internal organs
 - Serious burns (including scalding)
 - Any scalping requiring hospital treatment
 - Any loss of consciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia
 - Any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space which leads to hypothermia or heat-induced illness, or requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours
- Injuries where an employee is away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days (not including the day of the incident)
- Where an accident leads to someone being taken to hospital

Physical Assault/Injury

Staff should complete an accident form if they or a pupil have been physically assaulted or injured by another pupil. The form should include a timeline leading to the assault, any triggers and resulting behaviours.

Near Miss Events

A Near-miss is something that does not result in an injury but could have done. All near misses should be recorded via the Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust accident reporting system.

Examples of near-miss events relevant to schools include, but are not limited to:

- The collapse or failure of load-bearing parts of lifts and lifting equipment
- The accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness
- The accidental release or escape of any substance that may cause a serious injury or damage to health
- An electrical short circuit or overload causing a fire or explosion Information on how to make a RIDDOR report is available here:

Notifying parents/carers

The Headteacher will inform parents/carers of any accident or injury sustained by a pupil, and any first aid treatment given, on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

Training

The Headteacher will ensure that the school has adequate first aid trained staff based on the needs of the school following risk assessment.

- The school will keep a register of all trained first aiders, what training they have received and expiry date, this is recorded on the Single Central Register.
- Staff are encouraged to renew their first aid training when it is no longer valid.
- The Headteacher will ensure that there are enough staff trained in paediatric first aid in early years to ensure cover for absence. This meets the requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework and is updated at least every 3 years.

Contractors working on site

All contractors working on site, whether cleaning staff or tradesmen, must be made aware of the first aid procedures on site including who they should notify if there is an accident.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by the Headteacher every three years or following a change in legislation/school procedure.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Local Governing Board Committee

Links with other policies

This first aid policy is linked to the:

- Health and safety policy
- Risk assessment policy
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy

Appendix 1 – First Aid Trained Staff

Surname	Forename	
Austin	Steve	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Bashford	Jacquie	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Bilan	Suzana	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Conroy	Juliet	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Cosentino	Sara	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Garrod	Kelly	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Gray	Nicola	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
McCartney	Sharon	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Paulet	Gabriela	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Reynolds	Danielle	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Ribeiro	Ana	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Stewart	Andrew	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Sullivan	Dan	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Swift	Jan	Level 3 Paediatric Trained
Ainsworth	Leeann	First Aid
Brant	Kay	First Aid
Chaplin	Sian	First Aid
McAuliffe	Katie	First Aid
North	Julie	First Aid
Ribeiro	Ana	First Aid
Roach	Lynsey	First Aid
Smith	Connor	First Aid

Appendix 2: Assessment of first aid needs checklist.

Issues to consider	Impact on first aid provision	Notes
<p>Hazards: The findings of the risk assessment(s) should be taken into account, along with parts of the workplace that may have different work activities or hazards and may require different levels of first aid provision.</p>		
<p>Are the hazards low level, such as those found in offices?</p>	<p>The minimum provision is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appointed person to take charge of first-aid arrangements; • A suitable first aid box. 	
<p>Are there higher-level hazards such as dangerous machinery, hazardous substances, or work involving confined spaces?</p>	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing first-aiders; • Additional training for first-aiders to deal with injuries resulting from special hazards; • Additional first aid equipment; • Precise siting of first aid boxes; • Providing a first aid room; • Informing the emergency services. 	
<p>Does the level of risk vary in different parts of the establishment/building/site?</p>	<p>Consider the provision of each building or site.</p> <p>Where several levels of risks exist, base the provision on the highest level of risk.</p>	
<p>Employees</p>		
<p>How many people are working on site, or in the establishment/building?</p>	<p>Where there are small numbers of employees, the minimum provision is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appointed person to take charge of first aid arrangements; • A suitably stocked first aid box. <p>Where there are large numbers of employees, consider providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-aiders; • Additional first aid equipment; • A first aid room. 	
<p>Are there any inexperienced staff, or trainees on site?</p>	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional training for first-aiders; 	

<p>Are there any staff with disabilities, or particular health problems?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional first aid equipment; • Local siting of first aid equipment. <p>The first aid provision should cover any work experience trainees.</p>	
<p>Non-employees</p>		
<p>Do members of the public visit your premises?</p>	<p>Under the Regulations, there is no legal duty to provide first aid for non-employees but the HSE strongly recommends that non-employees be considered in the first aid provision.</p> <p>Where there are small numbers of non-employees, a guide to the minimum provision is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appointed person to take charge of first aid arrangements; • A suitably stocked first aid box. • Where there are large numbers of non-employees, consider providing: • First-aiders; • Additional first aid equipment; • A first aid room. <p>Where non-employees have disabilities or particular health problems, consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional first aid equipment; • Precise siting of first aid boxes; • Providing a first aid room; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional training for first-aiders to deal with disabilities or particular health issues, for example the use of an epi-pen for administration. 	

Accident and ill health record		
<p>What is the record of previous accidents or incidents of ill health?</p> <p>What injuries and illnesses have occurred and where did they happen?</p>	<p>Ensure the first aid provision will cater for the type of injuries and illnesses that might occur. Monitor accidents and ill health and review the first aid provision as appropriate.</p>	
Working arrangements		
<p>Do staff work out of normal office hours or work shifts?</p>	<p>Ensure there is adequate first aid provision at all times people are at work.</p>	
<p>Do staff travel to other sites, work remotely or work alone?</p>	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcomes of the lone working risk assessment; • Issuing personal first aid kits; • Issuing personal communicators or mobile phones. 	
<p>Does the work involve travel to other sites or locations with members of the public (clients, service users or pupils)?</p>	<p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the group is accompanied by a first-aider; • Taking a first aid kit on the trip; • The medical needs of the clients, services users or pupils, particularly if they have a medical care plan. 	

Do staff work at sites of other organisations?	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making arrangements with the other organisation(s) to ensure adequate first aid provision; • A written agreement between yourself and the other organisation(s). 	
Is there sufficient first aid provision to cover absences of first-aiders, or appointed persons?	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What first aid provision would be required to cover for annual leave or other planned absences; • What would be required to cover for unplanned and exceptional absences? 	

Overall Risk Rating based on information in table above (circle as appropriate):	High	Medium	Low
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Maximum number of persons on site, including non-employees:	
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Number of 3-day trained first-aiders required:		Number of Emergency first-aiders required:	
Number of First Aid boxes required:		Number of Travelling/Mobile first aid kits required:	

Name of person responsible for maintaining the first aid boxes and kits:	Name of person responsible for organising refresher training:
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Signed:	Date:	Date of Review:
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Assessors name:	Date of Assessment:	Activity/Task: Risks to first aiders
Directorate:	Service: Group:	Head Teacher:

Hazards	Who may be harmed & How	Existing Controls	Risk Rating	Further Controls	Residual Risk	Actions by whom & when	Implemented Y/N
Body fluids	First-aiders. Contact with body fluids (blood, vomit, urine etc.) and the potential risk from HIV, Hepatitis, and other infectious diseases.	Assume all body fluids are infectious and follow strict hygiene procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands thoroughly before and after administering first aid and use disposable gloves. Skin that has been in contact with body fluids of another person must be thoroughly washed with soap and warm/hot water as soon as possible. Splashes into eyes or mouth should be rinsed freely with cold water. Encourage puncture wounds to bleed freely before thorough rinsing, drying and covering with a sterile dressing. Body fluid spillages cleaned using available absorbent materials, e.g. toilet paper, paper s cat litter or other absorbent granules. Disposable gloves and apron worn when cleaning spillages. Area cleaned 	Likelihood: Consequence: Risk Level:		Likelihood: Consequence: Risk Level:		

	Contamination from disposable gloves, aprons etc. contaminated with body fluids	<p>with bleach or other chlorine-releasing compound.</p> <p>Mouth to mouth resuscitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouthpiece used for mouth to mouth resuscitation, • A rigid airway only to be used by first-aiders trained in its use. <p>All used disposable gloves, aprons etc. are disposed of in yellow, clinical waste bags marked "Clinical Waste – Bio-hazard". Full bags sealed and disposed of as clinical waste.</p>					
Hazardous substances	First Aider Exposure to hazardous substances	Ascertain what hazardous substance was involved and consult the COSHH assessment for first aid information.	<p>Likelihood:</p> <p>Consequence:</p> <p>Risk Level:</p>		<p>Likelihood:</p> <p>Consequence:</p> <p>Risk Level:</p>		
Review date:		Date communicated to staff:					
Is a safe system of work required		Yes / No					
If a new activity/equipment/any changes have been identified then Risk Assessment must be reviewed otherwise it should be reviewed annually.							

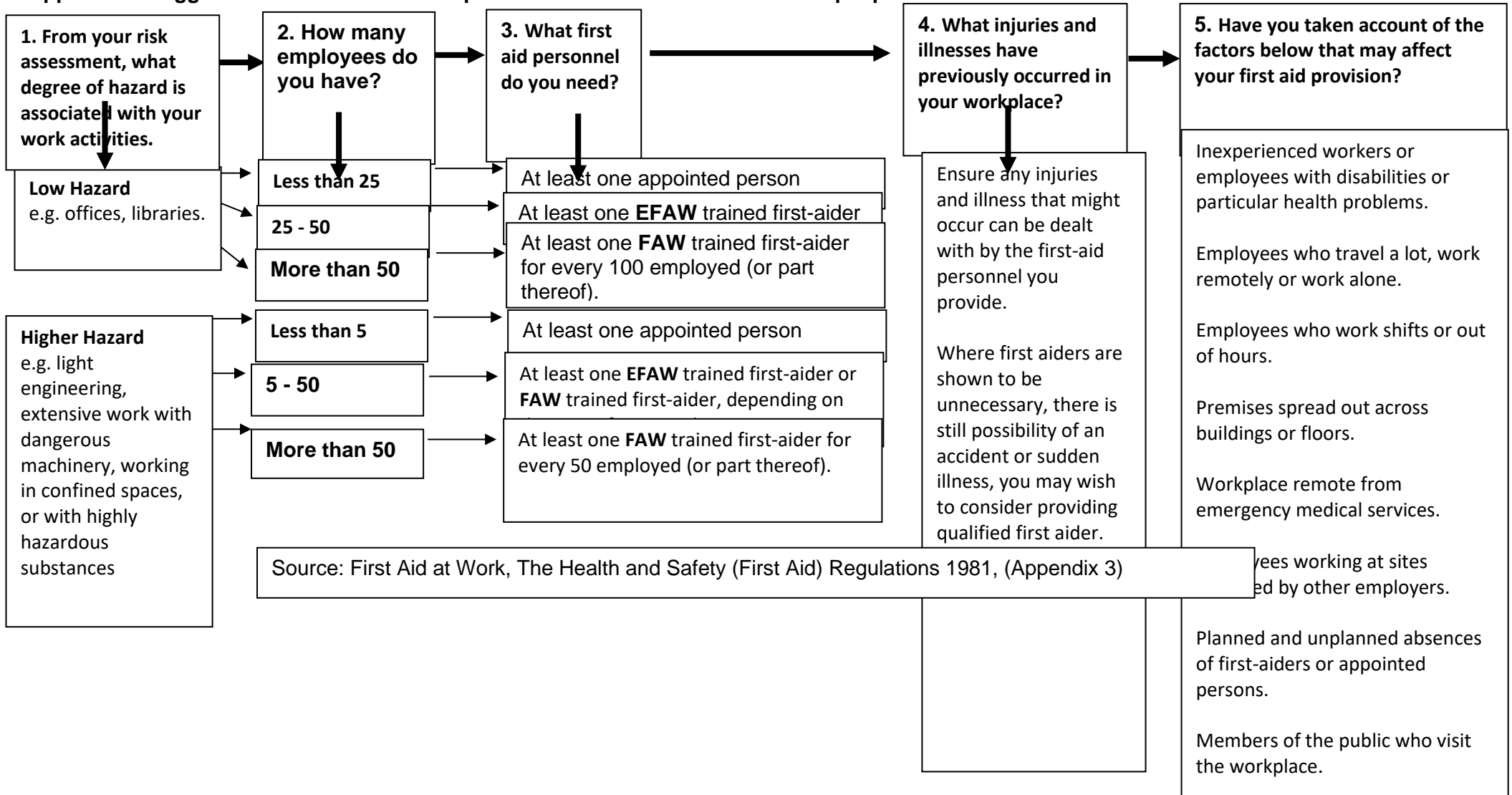
Risk Matrix

The matrix below is designed to help you in identifying a risk level for a given task or activity. Using your experience, the available evidence and existing precautions/ control measures in place you will have already determined the consequence of harm, and the likelihood of the harm being realised. The level of risk for the respective task or activity can now be determined using the following matrix.

CONSEQUENCE	Catastrophic	5	5	10	15	20	25	17-25 Unacceptable Stop activity and make immediate improvements
	Major	4	4	8	12	16	20	10-16 Tolerable Look to improve within specified timescale
	Moderate	3	3	6	9	12	15	5-9 Adequate Look to improve at next review
	Minor	2	2	4	6	8	10	1-4 Acceptable No further action, but ensure controls are maintained
	Insignificant	1	1	2	3	4	5	
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Appendix 4 Suggested numbers of first-aid personnel to be available at all times people are at work.



Source: First Aid at Work, The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981, (Appendix 3)

Appendix 5

Accident/Incident Record Form Questions (note this form should only be used to record the details of the accident/incident, an online form must be completed using the details gathered)

Person Completing the Form		
Name	Date Completed	Directorate
Service Area	Contact Number	

About the Person Affected/Involved		
Name	Date of Birth	Status of Person Affected
Job Title	Gender	
Address (including Postcode)		Contact Details

Incident Details		
Date of Incident	Time of Incident	Date Reported
Address where the incident happened		
Description of events (include weather, surface, lighting, condition, info where appropriate, did the incident involve a LA vehicle)?		
What happened after the incident e.g. hospital, returned to work		Injury sustained Y/N
Describe Injury	Describe part of the body affected e.g. left wrist, right leg	
Was there a witness to the accident? Y/N		Details of Witnesses (name and contact details)

Line Manager to complete

Name	email address
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Was the injured party correctly training in task/activity Y/N	Was the injured party correctly supervised in the task/activity Y/N	
Is there a risk assessment in place for this task Y/N	Were identified control measures in place Y/N	
Is the risk assessment being reviewed Y/N	Is the affected/involved person aware of the outcome of the risk assessment Y/N	
Were there any other factors contributing to the incident		
Did the injured party have time off work as a result of the incident Y/N	Date stopped work	Date returned to work
Give details of any measures you have taken or intend to take to prevent recurrence of the incident		
Have the description of events been verified by the affected/involved person Y/N		