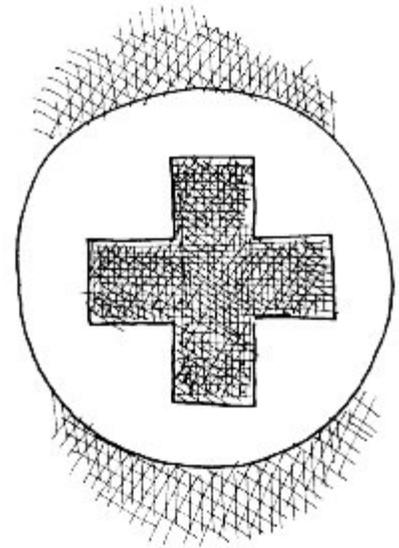


First aid supplies and other medical services must be available at your jobsite. The minimum OSHA requirements are:



- Medical personnel must be available for advice on occupational health matters.
- Prior to the start of a project, provisions must be made for prompt medical attention in case of serious injury.
- An infirmary, clinic, hospital, or physician must be nearby, or someone trained in first aid must be available at the worksite.
- First aid supplies must be easy to get to.
- Having available means to transport an injured person to a physician or hospital.
- If 911 service is not available, the posting of emergency numbers for physicians, hospitals, and ambulances.

On-site medical treatment—The construction rules for medical services and first aid say that prior to starting a project, provisions must be made for prompt medical attention in case of serious injury. This means that when an injury or illness occurs, maximum response time is fifteen minutes. This is currently recognized by OSHA as appropriate for most cases.

However, conditions at each workplace must be looked at when the first aid program is developed. This is to ensure that fifteen minutes is adequate to meet all needs. Where a medical facility is near the workplace, OSHA rules require your employer to ensure the following:

- In areas where accidents resulting in suffocation, severe bleeding or other life threatening injury or illness can be expected, a three to four minute response time is required.
- In other circumstances, for instance where a life-threatening injury is an unlikely outcome of an accident, a longer response time of up to fifteen minutes is acceptable.
- If you work in areas where emergency transportation is not available, your company must provide acceptable transportation. If arrangements cannot be made to provide emergency medical service within an appropriate time frame, then a trained first aid person must be available for each shift.

Eyewash/drenching stations—Where you may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable eyewash/drenching stations must be available at your jobsite.

You need to review your company's Emergency Action Plan for first aid and medical services. It should outline everything you need to know to get help during a medical emergency.

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