



Number of First Aiders Required

Below is a table that indicates how many First Aiders are required at any location.

Category of risk	Numbers employed at any location	Suggested number of First-Aid personnel
Lower risk e.g. Shops, offices, libraries	Fewer than 50	At least one appointed person
	50 – 100	At least one First Aider
	More than 100	One additional First Aider for every 100 employed
Medium risk e.g. light engineering and assembly work, food processing, warehouse	Fewer than 20	At least one appointed person
	20-100	At least one First Aider for every 50 employed (or part thereof)
	More than 100	One additional First Aider for every 100 employed
Higher risk e.g. most construction, slaughterhouse, chemical manufacturer, extensive work with dangerous machinery or sharp instruments	Fewer than 5	At least one appointed person
	5-50	At least one First Aider
	More than 50	One additional First Aider for every 50 employed
	Where there are hazards for which additional First-Aid skills are necessary	In addition, at least one First Aider trained in specific emergency action.

This list provides the **MINIMUM** requirements recommended under the ACOP42 (approved Code of Practice relating to First Aid in the Workplace). Employers should also note that **this recommendation does not allow** for shift patterns, long term sickness, holidays and parental leave. Cover must be provided for these expected absences. Please contact us for further advice.