

5.0 FIRST AID KIT

A Hockey Trainer must always have a fully stocked first aid kit on hand during all games, practices and off-ice training sessions. This helps to ensure that you are prepared to respond to any illnesses, accidents or injuries that may occur. The best kit is one which contains only the supplies that you use most often. There is no reason to carry a wide variety of items, if you do not know how to, or are not qualified to use such items.

Remember, the Hockey Trainer should not administer medication of any kind to a player.



The following is a recommended list of items that you should include in your first aid kit. Whenever you use an item you should replace it immediately to ensure that your kit remains fully stocked.

Amount	Item	Application
1	Soft, sturdy kit/box	A durable waterproof kit which holds all your supplies in one place and is easily transportable.
1 roll	Pre-Wrap	Covers & protects skin when taping an injury.
2 rolls	1 1/2" Athletic Tape (low grade)	Protects exposed injuries and provides support for injured joints.
2 - 4	Tensor bandages- 2", 4" or 6"	Use for injury support and compression over soft tissue injuries. The size of the injured area dictates the appropriate tensor size.
2	40" cotton triangular bandages (slings)	Use for injury support/slings or to apply pressure.
1 bag	Sterile cotton tipped applicators	Use to clean wounds.
1 box	Knuckle dressings	Cover cuts in unusual areas – knuckles, web spaces, etc.
1 box	Fingertip dressings	Cover cuts on finger tips.
2 boxes	Elastic stretch strips in assorted sizes	To cover all minor skin wounds – blisters, lacerations.
10	Sterile pads (non adhering)	Used to cover cuts and abrasions. Non adhering so they will not stick to the wound.
10	4" X 4" gauze	To control bleeding and cover wounds – use over non adherent dressings.
1 roll	4" stretch gauze	Covers & compresses wounds.
1 container	Petroleum Jelly	Use to reduce friction in the case of blisters.
4 - 8	Ziploc plastic bags (various sizes)	Hold ice, contaminated or bloody materials - gloves, compresses, etc.
1 pair	Bandage scissors	Cut dressings, tape, equipment, etc.
10 pairs	Barrier protection gloves	Medical non latex gloves must be worn at all times when attending to an injured player (see Special Considerations following page)
1 container	Hand Sanitizer or wipes	Alcohol based. Ensures clean hands when dealing with injuries or when immediate access to hand washing is not available.
1	Pocket mask	Use when there is mouth to mouth contact for CPR or artificial respiration.
1	Note pad/pencil	Use to take notes (or write reminders for yourself) and record injuries.
2	Working pens	
	Ice	Apply to soft tissue injuries.