

## First Aid Kits at Muster Stations

Workplaces should have a muster point in case there is some type of emergency that requires workers to evacuate the building. It seems likely that something that requires the building to be evacuated may also result in conditions that would require first aid. In many cases, workers rush to the muster station to suddenly realize that all of the first aid kits are inside the plant.

A Muster Point (also known as 'Assembly Point') is an assembly point where everyone meets in the event of an emergency. *Muster Point* is primarily a Canadian term. Muster point signs indicate the exact location of the assembly area. They are required by many safety associations. Reflective materials are encouraged for increased visibility.



Signage installation should be a safe distance away from a building, worksite or construction zone. Making a muster point known to all employees and visitors is part of a rigorous emergency management plan.

If there was some kind of emergency that requires the plant to be evacuated, there is the likelihood that someone may need first aid. In many cases, once

everyone is at the Muster Point, they realize that the first aid kit is inside the plant! This can be easily prevented by two simple steps:

1. Have a first aid kit at the Muster point; and/or
2. Have a first aid kit at the exits with a sign that says “take me to the Muster Point!” or some similar wording.

In the winter, the latter is the best approach.

Care should be taken to ensure the capacity of first aid kits available at the muster station is capable of addressing the potential needs at a muster station.