MORGAN SINDALL CONSTRUCTION

Alcohol Free Wipes

The UK Health Security Agency has recently released an article highlighting that some alcohol-free wipes found in first aid kits may contain a bacteria called Burkholderia stabilis. Please see article in the link below.

What is Burkholderia stabilis, and why should I check my first aid kit? – UK Health Security Agency

Whilst the article identifies a number of specific products that were found to have contained the bacteria, their overriding message is 'Only wipes marked as sterile should be used on broken skin such as wounds, scratches or where you can see blood'.

The risk of infection is low in most people however it can cause serious infection in vulnerable persons.



Feedback from our suppliers is that the first aid kits supplied to us only contain sterile wound cleansing wipes, however it is possible that non-sterile wipes may be present in some older first aid kits or kits purchased from another supplier. See attached note from supplier.



Action Required by all projects and offices:
Please check all First Aid Kits across our projects, offices and vehicles and remove from use any wipes that do not state they are sterile on the packaging. Replacements can be purchased from Greenham.

Please share this bulletin with your supply chain and request they check their first aid kits also.

Please also consider first aid kits at home including those provided with your personal or company car.

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