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First Aid, Australian Red Cross Victoria

Summary

First aid training, a core activity of Australian Red Cross, is largely a State activity. In World War I, Australian women were encouraged to enrol people with first aid certificates in Voluntary Aid Detachments. By the 1960s, Victoria had an education program in the area, which was covered, in the 1980s, by Health and Safety Education. Emergency first aid is included in Emergency Services. In 2004, accredited first aid courses were provided at an individual and industry level, with specialised training including critical incident simulations, and Red Cross continuing to sell First Aid kits.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

The University of Melbourne Archives

[Minutes and Meeting Papers, National Council](#)

Australian Red Cross Research and Information Service

[Publications - First aid, health and safety](#)

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