

Bitumen Burns Card

Eurobitume has produced an updated Bitumen Burns Card and it is available for download from the RBA website.

[http://www.bitumenuk.com/images/library/files/Eurobitume_Bitumen_Burns_\(GB\)_March_2014_-_updated.pdf](http://www.bitumenuk.com/images/library/files/Eurobitume_Bitumen_Burns_(GB)_March_2014_-_updated.pdf)

The document provides first aid advice as before, but new advice has been included for medical care regarding measures to remove the bitumen layer from the skin. This should be carried out only under the supervision of a doctor or at a hospital. Previously the advice was to leave the bitumen in place, but it is now considered important to remove it so that the severity of the burn can be determined.

All personnel working with hot bitumen should be familiar with these recommendations in order to administer first aid to burn victims. Copies of the document should be available at sites where hot bitumen is used so that, in the event of an accident, the document can accompany the patient in a prominent position before and during transport to the doctor or hospital.