



ANUFC Defibrillator Guidelines

Automated External Defibrillator or AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient and is able to treat them through defibrillation.

Automatic external defibrillator (AED) can reduce the risk of fatality from cardiac arrest and is a useful addition to the workplace. Anyone can use an AED, following the visual and verbal prompts provided by the AED. Where a trained person is available, they should operate the AED.

AEDs should be located in an area that is:

- clearly visible and accessible from a building's main entrance /lobby;
- be accessible to anyone within 150 metres of the building in addition to the occupants of the building where the AED is located;
- not obscured by columns and or plants;
- housed in a dedicated AED box, fitted with an open-door alarm to raise awareness of potential emergency situations;
- at a convenient height for access (no higher than 48 inches above ground level);
- indicated with signage that identifies the AED's location; and
- not exposed to extreme temperatures.

The requirement for an AED is an outcome of the local area first aid risk assessment.

- The occupational first aid officer, or assigned person, in consultation with WEG must ensure the AED location signs and units are maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications. This includes maintenance of the pads and the checking and/or replacing of batteries.

AED Locations

