

AED Frequently Asked Questions

What do I have to do after purchasing an Automated External Defibrillator?

This varies due to the AEDs intended application and location. The FDA requires an prescription for a automated external defibrillator (AED). Requirements for Public Access AEDs vary state to state by location (corporations, churches, schools, gyms, etc.). Many states require physician oversight, EMS registration, AED/CPR training, etc. We will offer suggestions for program requirements for your location.

Am I covered under my state's Good Samaritan Law?

In all states, users are covered by the Good Samaritan Law. Your organization may be required to maintain your AED, track the expiration of the battery and pads, provide AED / CPR training, register your AED with local EMS, and have physician oversight. We will offer information to you describing what to do for civil liability immunity.

Where do I find a prescribing AED Physician?

An AED prescription can be written by a licensed physician (we can provide free of charge).

I watched the video that came with the AED, why do I need to get certified?

Your video will explain how the AED functions. However, many state laws require that an AED be coupled with CPR/AED certification which helps to protect your company and helps to complete the State requirements. Training is available through many organizations, both in-person and online. It is highly recommended that your AED training be part of a comprehensive First Aid/CPR training program. Online training can save your company thousands of dollars. Ask for a cost saving comparison sheet or a quote.

What is Medical Direction?

This is in addition to a physicians prescription. Medical Direction means having a licensed physician approve and sign off on your AED program/policy (we can provide this for a low cost fee). This policy should always include:

- **Training:** Ensure that expected users of the AED receive nationally recognized training in CPR and AED use.
- **Maintenance:** Ensure the AED is maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines.
- **Deployment Notification:** Any person or entity who acquires an AED shall notify an agent of the emergency communications or vehicle dispatch center (local EMS) of the existence, location, and type of AED.
- **Event and Post-Event Notification:** Any person who uses an AED or activates the Emergency Medical Services needs to report to the licensed physician as soon as possible after an event. Once notified, the physician will review data from the event and write a summary, including CPR compression and the proper or improper function of the AED and potential changes to be addressed in the internal response procedure and AED program/policy currently in place.

Is it possible, with the click of a button, to see AED supply expiration dates and document training and AED program compliance?

Yes, First Voice + AED Program Manager is a one click online software solution that saves you time and ensures you total AED program compliance for an affordable annual fee.

How do I choose which AED is right for my organization?

There are several factors to consider. Is it for an EMS/Fire Department? Do you intend the unit to be stationary (for example, in an office or warehouse) or mobile (in a truck, boat, or plane)? Will you want it to be capable of working on children and adults? What kind of training capability do you need? Do you need any first aid supplies? What kind of storage case do you need? Do you need a cabinet or wall mount? With alarm? Strobe light? Contact your First Voice representative for suggestions.

Contact us today for complete AED program compliance!

