

Choosing a Defibrillator for your Organisation



Installing an AED in your organisation or workplace is an important investment and could save a life.

Equipping Your Site With a Defibrillator...

Here we outline key items and considerations that are required when choosing a defibrillator for your location.

Defibrillator

Whether you need a [semi-automatic](#) or [fully automatic defibrillator](#) will depend upon who is most likely to use the unit in an emergency.

- **Fully automatic** defibrillators are best for untrained individuals and the general public.
- **Semi-automatic** defibrillators require a bit more input from the user and are therefore better suited to someone who has had training or medical professionals.

Storing Your AED

- Store on a **wall bracket** or in an **internal cabinet** if you intend to keep the defibrillator inside.
- For outdoor locations and where the temperature drops below 8°C, a **heated cabinet** is needed. Lockable cabinets are also an option if required.

Electrode Pads

Defibrillator pads are single use and have an expiry date. Many models provide separate pads for adults and children that deliver a different strength of shock to the heart.

Protecting Your AED

Many defibrillators come with a protective carry case but these can also be purchased separately if required. As an AED is a portable device, you may need to transport it to the victim or a new location. Consider a waterproof carry case for outside use.



AED Responder Kit

A responder kit contains essential items needed for preparing the patient for treatment, this includes:

- Scissors for cutting clothing away from the chest
- Towel and razor for preparing the chest area
- CPR mask and surgical gloves

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Do We Need Training?

HSE First Aid Regulations state that staff who need to use the AED should be trained so that they are confident if an emergency arises and can act quickly. The level of training required may depend upon the experience of your team and on the type of AED purchased.

Training options include:

- Instructor-led group training courses
- Defibrillator training units and manikins
- Online courses



First Response Training AED and CPR Instructor-led Course

Instructor-led training courses are a great option for larger organisations with up to 12 staff members per course. Safelincs can offer on-site training at locations throughout the UK.

- Half day course for up to 12 participants
- Qualified first aid trainer
- Learn to confidently administer CPR and use a defibrillator
- Certificate valid for 3 years on completion

Why Does My Organisation Need a Defibrillator?

When somebody falls victim to sudden cardiac arrest a defibrillator can be the difference between survival and death. A defibrillator can administer life-saving treatment immediately, increasing a patient's chances of survival significantly.

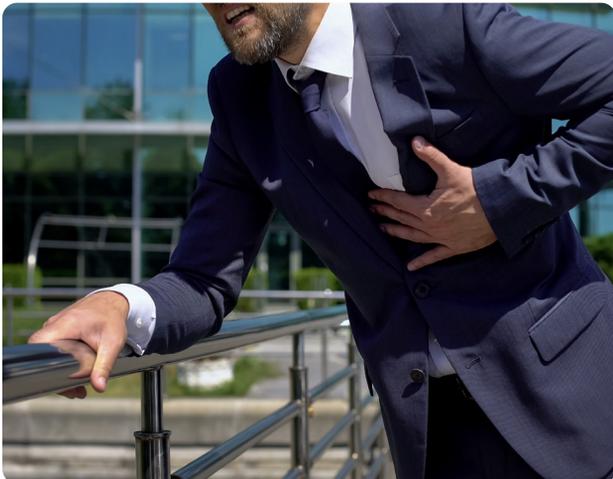
60,000 cardiac arrests every year in the UK outside of hospitals 



 **Every minute without treatment** reduces a patients survival chances by **10%**



Many groups are lobbying for MPs to consider new laws stating AEDs should be mandatory in many public locations including sports facilities, schools and workplaces.



Maintenance Requirements

Read our overview below if you are concerned about the maintenance required with a defibrillator.

Defibrillator Maintenance

Maintaining a defibrillator is critical and is not a difficult task. All defibrillators perform a self-check regularly and will flag up any issues they find.

In addition, the Responsible Person in your organisation should carry out weekly visual checks on the device including:

- Checking the **'shelf life' and 'stand-by life' of the pads and batteries** and ordering replacements if required
- Checking that **no warnings have been flagged up**
- Recording their findings on a **defibrillator maintenance checklist** which can be downloaded free of charge from safelincs.co.uk



Defibrillator Inspection Service

If your defibrillator has not been maintained for some time or there is nobody in your organisation or community who has responsibility for maintaining the unit, you may wish to take advantage of our Inspection Service. Our trained engineer will inspect and service your defibrillator(s), giving you peace of mind it is ready for action if required.

- ✓ Thorough inspection of the AED unit, pads, batteries and storage
- ✓ Includes up to 3 units
- ✓ No hidden charges

Why Choose Safelincs?

With Safelincs, you can expect:

- Excellent customer service from an award winning British company
- High quality products at competitive prices
- Great service from a company who are committed to reducing waste and creating sustainable environmental solutions where possible
- Support and advice every step of the way including excellent after sales service



Refreshing to deal with a company who still care about their customers, well done Safelincs. Will have no hesitation now in recommending your company and will definitely buy from you again.

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Case Study: Bracknell Forest Council

Bracknell Forest Council wanted to install AEDs at numerous sites but was unsure which type of unit would be suitable for their requirements. We were able to offer advice and support, giving the council confidence that they were installing units that could be used in an emergency by people with little or no training.



Other wards in the council have now also adopted this initiative and Safelincs has supplied over 50 units to the council as well as cabinets where required. The AEDs have been installed in community centres, schools and small retailers.

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