



PUBLIC ACCESS AED PROGRAM

Yolo County encourages accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed widely across the community, and easily accessible to members of the public. Many lives are saved each year in Yolo County communities because of CPR and early defibrillation programs. **More** lives can be **saved** if the placement of AEDs is increased within our communities!

WHAT IS AN AED?

An AED is a computerized medical device that can check a person's heart rhythm. It recognizes when a heart requires a shock and tells you when a shock is needed. The AED uses voice prompts, lights and visual messages to tell the rescuer the steps to take. They're very easy to use, even for people with no medical training.

WHERE SHOULD THEY BE LOCATED?

- Anywhere large numbers of people visit, work, or assemble.
- Places that are difficult for EMS responders to reach, tall or large buildings, rural, or inside secure areas.
- Locations that have a high incidence of cardiac arrest, such as health clubs, golf courses, gyms, and large industrial areas.
- School campuses close to classrooms, gymnasiums, cafeterias, offices, parking lots, and athletic fields.
- Anywhere!

WHERE OR HOW CAN I PURCHASE AN AED?

Automated External Defibrillators are widely available online. They mostly all work the same way. Yolo County does not endorse any one brand or type, and most AEDs can be used on patients of all ages, although check the unit specifications for those details.

DO I NEED TRAINING TO USE AN AED?

No! While CPR training is a very good skill to have and priceless in a cardiac arrest emergency, an AED will provide invaluable voice prompts that will guide you through the steps you need to take. You do not need to have any formal training to use the device. You just need to be able to follow simple instructions. And make sure 9-1-1 has been called!

**Cardiac arrest
survival doubles
when a bystander
uses an AED.**

WILL I GET IN TROUBLE IF SOMEONE GETS HURT?



Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency AED

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No. California Civil Code provides protection for Good Samaritans acting in good faith and utilizing the device as intended. The owner of the device, and/or the person using the device are both protected in the very rare situation that someone were to be injured using an AED. As long as the directions are followed, it is a very safe tool with minimal risk. But the reward could be a saved life.

I WANT IN! HOW DO I MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW THERE'S AED HERE IN CASE THEY NEED IT?

Yolo County uses the PulsePoint database to map the AEDs in the county. This database allows dispatchers to notify 9-1-1 callers of nearby AEDs if needed. It also allows members of the public to find an AED wherever they are, or at places they frequently visit. Anybody can register an AED that they find if they see that it's not currently on the map. If you see an AED on the wall in the waiting room of the auto shop, but you notice it's not on the map, add it! It only serves to save lives! You can either navigate your computer or phone browser to [AED.new](#), or download the PulsePoint AED app, available in Apple or Android app stores! Links to the smartphone apps are also available at: [PulsePoint | Join with us. Download today.](#)

