



POSITIONING YOUR DEFIBRILLATOR

Make Your AED Visible

Here's the number one tip for effective AED placement: **make it visible!** It may sound obvious but hiding your valuable AED in a corner or stowing it in an office drawer isn't going to do anyone any good. While it may be tempting to keep your equipment "out of harm's way," it's far more important to make sure your AEDs are visible and are in good working order.



Keep it Simple

When someone shouts "Where's the AED!?" You'll want to be able to respond with a quick, clear direction such as "At Checkout", "In the lobby!" or "By the elevator!"



Signage is Your Friend

Don't let your aesthetic sense get in the way of common sense. Professional signage with icons (especially 3D signs that stand out from the wall and can be viewed from various angles) should clearly mark AED locations and direct users to the device.

Ideally, rescuers should be able to assist the victim of a sudden cardiac arrest in less than two minutes! AEDs and directional signs should be located in high visibility areas in public buildings and businesses and at social or athletic events.

Accessibility is Critical

AEDs should be readily accessible to all employees and to the public and should be within reach of wheelchair-bound individuals. Your **AED cabinet should be mounted in an unobstructed area, approx. 1.3 meters above the floor from the bottom of the cabinet** to ensure that anyone can access it in the event of an emergency. Make sure that your anyone can reach and remove the AED with one hand to minimize response time. The base of **the AED sign should be mounted approx. 2.3m** above the floor.

Checklist: AED Placement Guidelines and Recommendations

Make sure that your AED is located in a clearly marked, brightly illuminated, and unobstructed location.

AEDs should be easy to reach and to remove with one hand.

