

DuPage County Environmental, Safety, Health & Property Loss Control Program Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

Purpose: To assure AED's are properly inspected and maintained.

Background: At least 250,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) before reaching a hospital. As part of the County's Safety Program AED's have been provided at staffed facilities and employees trained in their use.

An effective AED program is designed to deliver a shock to a victim within 3 to 5 minutes of collapse.

To assure the AED is in its assigned location and its battery is good a monthly inspection is required. Security performs this inspection of AED's on the Wheaton campus.

For all other County Facilities that have AED's the local site manager is responsible to assure the monthly inspections are conducted and reported to Security.

Procedure: The 3rd Friday of the month an inspection should take place of all AED's on the Wheaton campus, off campus sites must also perform a monthly inspection. The Security site on the Intranet has a Monthly check form that once submitted electronically goes directly to Security for review and record requirements.

Inspection:

1. Verify placement
2. Verify battery signal is flashing or on steady. If it is not flashing or on steady then the battery needs to be replaced. Contact Security for Wheaton Campus devices or Public Works Maintenance for replacement and remove AED until battery is replaced.
3. Inspect exterior case for damage.
4. Inspect supplies inside case or in cabinet that contain razor, disposable gloves, CPR mask.