



Buying Tips

A defibrillator is a very important purchasing consideration.

- Purchase an AED which your rescuers will be comfortable using;
- Purchase an AED model that you can afford;
- Consider the long term cost of ownership including the cost of replacement batteries and electrode pads.

You may also need to consider optional items which will ensure you have an effective AED program.

Training

If you make only one other optional purchase then it has to be effective training, there seems little point investing in a lifesaving AED if the people you expect to use it have no training, confidence or experience of the AED and its unique features, the whole rescue process or effective CPR skills.

At PPD we offer the most comprehensive AED user course available which exceeds current UK Resuscitation Council guidelines and will ensure your rescuers have the skills and confidence to make a difference should the AED ever need to use.

We also offer the opportunity to have your own in-house trainer to ensure that your first aiders continue to maintain their skill levels.

Spare Electrodes /Paediatric pads

All electrode pads are single use only, so it makes sense to have a spare pair just in case one pair is compromised during a rescue.

Although it is rare for cardiac arrest to occur in children, it happens. All AED's have the capability to offer a lifesaving shock to both adults and children, but they need to be able to reduce the energy level to suit the smaller frame of a child. This is done via special paediatric electrode pads. If you have children that frequent your premises you may wish to consider purchasing a set of paediatric electrode pads.

Spare Battery

We are all familiar with electronic devices which rely on batteries, and also the fact that these batteries have a habit of expiring just when we need them. The primary source of failure in all electronic devices is battery failure.

An AED is an electronic device (battery failure would be rare as each unit has an alarm) good practice would suggest having a spare battery on hand.

Carry Case

Protect your investment with a soft or hard carry case if it isn't supplied with one. These cases are useful for carrying other items required during a rescue such as gloves, pocket masks, towels, scissors, razors or spare electrode pads.

Wall Cabinet

Protect your investment from dust and moisture but also make your AED highly visible to everyone who may need to find it during a rescue.

Cabinets come in various options including metal or plastic, with or without audible alarms and strobe light alarms. Alarms may help signal a rescue is in progress and will also deter theft.

Walls Signs

Identify the location of your AED to everyone

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