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Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (yellow book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the requirements for Automatic External Defibrillators as stated below.

03.B.03 Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

a. The placement of AEDs is optional (except for infirmaries, see 03.C.03.d) but highly recommended. The placement of AEDs on the worksite shall be preceded by an assessment of the time and distance to emergency medical services (EMS) and a justified need for such equipment.

b. An AED program shall include, at minimum:

(1) Training: First-aid attendants shall hold certification in first aid and CPR from the American Red Cross (ARC), the American Heart Association (AHA), or from an organization whose training adheres to the standards of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (as stated in writing), or from a LP. All classes shall contain a hands-on component. The certificate(s) shall state the date of issue and length of validity.

(2) Physician oversight and event assessment;

(3) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for EMS activation;

(4) Equipment Maintenance Program.

