AED Maintenance

Once a week, you should

- Check the readiness display to determine the level of battery charge and that the OK symbol is visible.
- Check the Use By date on the therapy electrode packet.
- Verify that you have access to a spare, fully charged, properly maintained battery and check the other emergency supplies stored with the AED.

The AED needs attention if any of the following conditions occur

- The OK level is not visible (contact your authorized service personnel)
- The level of battery charge is low (replace battery)
- The electrode Use By date has passed (replace electrode packet)

The AED performs a daily self-test every 24 hours and every time you turn it on. Use only the accessories specified in the operation and instructions.

AED Site Selection

The AED must be easily accessible to anyone during the hours of operation for your facility, whether open to the public or employees. According to the American Heart Association, a rescuer should be able to reach the potential victim within three minutes, but ideally within 90-seconds. The height to reach the handle of the AED should not be more than 48 inches high per Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

(SOURCE: La Porte County Emergency Medical Services AED Collective)

- High traffic areas and places of physical exertion are ideal sites for the AED.
- Your AED should be easily accessible in a highly visible area. Display adequate signage so individuals can locate the AED.
- Make sure people in your facility know you have an AED and know where it is located.
- In multilevel buildings the AED should be in the same area on each level, if possible, to avoid confusion.

Registering Your AED

Register all AEDs at the La Porte County EMS AED website ([laporteco.in.gov/departments-online/emergency-medical-services/aed/](http://laporteco.in.gov/departments-online/emergency-medical-services/aed/))