

Automated External Defibrillators

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) used to be only available to hospitals. Now they are available to everyone. They have come a long way since the beginning. The AEDs weighed over 100 pounds and now are handheld at the mere weight of 8 pounds. The purpose of an AED is to deliver an electrical shock to the heart in order to stop certain forms of rapid heart disturbances or to restart a stopped heart. The electrical current is transferred into the body through two electrodes that are attached to the chest.

A person who has gone into cardiac arrest in a hospital and receives an immediate shock has up to a 90 percent chance of survival. However, every minute that passes without a shock can decrease the victim's chance of survival by up to 10 percent.

There are no national statistics for CPR and AED related information because there is not one group that collects it all. However, there are a few generalized statistics that are available. If a victim receives his or her shock almost immediately (with 3-5 minutes) after the collapse, the long term survival rate can result in greater than 50 percent.

Sometimes it is necessary just to keep the person alive until the trained paramedics arrive and in this capacity the AED is a very useful device.

CPR and AED training has become a very valuable skill and it is required at many jobs. Presently, BASC has 4 Automated External Defibrillators on campus at various locations. There are AEDs in the Seymour College Union next to the ballroom and Cooper Hall on the right inside the front door. There are also AEDs to the left inside the front door of Trax and on the second floor near the elevator in Brockway Dining Hall. In addition, Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation currently has 20 staff members that are CPR/AED certified.

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