

# Purchasing AEDs



Ambulance Victoria encourages businesses, schools, community and sporting groups to provide Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on their premises. Ambulance Victoria does not recommend one AED supplier over another. Australian suppliers can be accessed online.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Ambulance Victoria suggest considering the following items when purchasing an AED:

- ✓ Is the AED approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)?
- ✓ What are the ongoing costs of batteries and electrodes, pads? The cost and expiry dates for these items can vary considerably.
- ✓ What is the warranty on the AED and battery pack?
- ✓ No training is required as AEDs are safe and easy to use. Just turn on and follow the instructions.



## Maintenance and storage of an AED

Once an organisation has purchased an AED, Ambulance Victoria recommends the following processes for its regular maintenance and storage:

### Maintenance

- ✓ Assign one or two people to check monthly that the AED is functioning correctly and the electrodes/pads have not expired.
- ✓ Create and implement a dated/signed check sheet to monitor regular AED checks.





## Storage

- ✓ Consider the most practical location to position your AED, so it's highly visible and easy to access in an emergency.
- ✓ The AED should be clearly signed with an approved AED wall sign.
- ✓ It is recommended the AED is not locked up. There are a range of wall-mounted storage cabinets and devices that can be purchased, some including alarm functions.
- ✓ Organisation members and regular visitors should be informed of the location of the AED.
- ✓ AED owners may wish to notify surrounding facilities and groups that there is one on the premises that is available during specified hours.



## Registration

- ✓ After purchasing your AED, Ambulance Victoria strongly encourages you to register it at [www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/register](http://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/register). This will assist in providing fast and easy access to the AED in the event of a medical emergency.
- ✓ If your AED is registered and used to help save a life, Ambulance Victoria will replace the electrode pads free of charge.

