

## Setting Up an AED Program

Is your ministry prepared to handle cardiac emergencies? You may consider purchasing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a device about the size of a laptop computer that analyzes the heart's rhythm for any abnormalities. If necessary, it directs the rescuer to deliver an electrical shock to the victim. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm of its own. How do you determine whether or not your ministry should invest in an AED? Consider the following questions.

	Yes	Needs Attention
1. Based on your facility's size, have you determined how many AED units you would need, and where they should be located?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you considered who within your organization will be responsible for AED use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will AED training become part of your response team's job descriptions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have you determined whether or not you have enough people on your response team to cover most situations/locations within your church?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you determined how much money will be needed to purchase the equipment, train employees or volunteers, and provide program maintenance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Have you researched current AED-use laws in your state? While there are AED Good Samaritan provisions in most states that provide certain legal protections to laypersons, it's good to know the legal climate in your state regarding this equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Have you consulted with your local American Red Cross chapter for input on purchasing an AED and training staff and volunteers how to use it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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