

Automated External Defibrillators

The ESD 112 Board recognizes that by equipping program sites with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and training employees in their use, the potential to save lives in the event of a health emergency, including cardiac arrest, is increased. The Board authorizes ESD 112 to place AEDs at sites where ESD 112 provides services. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) requires any person using an AED receive training. Facilities with an AED on site will designate and train selected staff in the use of AEDs according to the DOH guidelines.

This policy does not create any implied or express guarantee, or obligation to use an AED, nor does it create an expectation that an AED or a trained employee will be present and able to use an AED, even if a condition arose that made the use of an AED beneficial.

A person who uses an AED at the scene of an emergency and all other persons and entities providing services are immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use of the AED in an emergency setting, unless the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

The Superintendent will develop procedures for the placement, maintenance, and use of AEDs in ESD 112 sites.

Legal References:

RCW 4.24. 300 Immunity from liability for certain types of medical care

RCW 70.54.310 Semiautomatic external defibrillator – Duty of acquirer - Immunity from civil liability

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