



# Chief Executive Office.

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### **AED LIABILITY/IMMUNITY INQUIRY**

On June 27, 2023, the County of Los Angeles (County) Board of Supervisors adopted a new policy – Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Employee and Public Use, and Hands-Only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and AEDs Usage Training for Employees. This policy established procedures for the placement, management, and maintenance of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in County of Los Angeles (County) facilities (owned and/or leased), and annual employee training on the usage of AEDs.

It required all buildings occupied by County employees to have at least one AED present in the workplace. Building owners or proprietors should ensure the AEDs are maintained and readily accessible, while also ensuring legal protection to the County and users during an emergency.

California provides AED immunity for users and owners under the "Good Samaritan" laws (Civil Code §1714.21, Health & Safety Code §1797.196). These laws offer immunity to individuals who use or provide AEDs available in good faith and without compensation, if certain requirements are met. To maintain that immunity, the following is required after obtaining and placement of AEDs:

<b>Placement</b>	Comply with all regulations regarding the placement of AEDs.
<b>Registration</b>	Notify an agent of the local Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agency of the existence, location, and type of AED acquired.
<b>Location</b>	Clearly labeled and accessible.
<b>Maintenance</b>	Maintain according to the manufacturer's specifications.



<b>Testing</b>	Test all AEDs at least bi-annually and after use per manufacturer's specifications.
<b>Inspection</b>	Inspect and document at least every 90 days. Monthly visual inspection is recommended.
<b>Notification</b>	When an AED is placed in a building, the building owner or proprietor shall provide annual notification to tenants regarding the location of the AED units.
<b>Instructions for Use</b>	Instructions for AED use shall be posted in 14-point size text next to the device.
<b>Training</b>	Offer trainings on demonstration of the use of the AED annually.
<b>Recordkeeping</b>	Maintenance, testing, and inspections shall be documented and maintained.

Immunity does not apply in cases where injuries are a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The following are resources available:

- Video to the inspection guide from Zoll AED 3:  
[https://youtu.be/1\\_zELYKBHhQ](https://youtu.be/1_zELYKBHhQ)
- Monthly Inspection Checklist – click [here](#) to access the file
- Talent Works - Hands-Only CPR – click [here](#) to access course
- Talent Works - Inside the Rescue Zoll AED 3 – click [here](#) to access course

If you have any other questions, please contact Roberto Chavez (213) 351-6433 or [LossControl@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:LossControl@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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