

County of Gloucester
Human Resources Manual

CHAPTER:	8 – SAFETY AND SECURITY	ADOPTED: 3/7/06
SECTION:	8 – DEFIBRILLATORS	REVISED: 1/22/14

The County wishes to encourage and support the need for automated external defibrillators as well promote the training needed to receive certification in their use for those Departments that wish to have an Automated External Defibrillator on their premises. Participating County locations are:

Veteran's Cemetary
Scotland Run Park
Golf Shop
DREAM Park (Main Arena)
DREAM Park (Maintenance Bldg.)
DREAM Park (Boarding Stables)
Shady Lane Complex (Child Dev)
Shady Lane Complex (Nursing)
Shady Lane Complex (B&G)
Board of Elections
Utilities Authority (Main Bldg.)
Utilities Authority (Break Room)
Improvement Authority
Human Services
GC Battlefield
GC Jail
GC Jail (Nurses Station)
GC Jail (Nurses Station)
Sheriffs office (Hunter St.)
GC Court 2nd Floor (Hunter St.)
GC Court 3rd Floor (Hunter St.)
Sheriffs Dept. (Broad St.)
GC Ceremonial Court
Surrogate Court (Broad St.)
GC Child Support (Delaware St.)
GC Admin Bldg.
GC Probation (Five Points)
Atkinson Park
Social Services (Front Office)

Social Services (Back Room)
Health Dept.
Public Works (Clayton)
Greenwich Lake
Hazmat Team
GCERC (hallway)
Board of Ed. (Shady Lane)

For participating employees, training to become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators will be required. It is only those individuals who have received training that will be authorized to administer emergency care.

In event of any emergency the following procedures are recommended:

- Identify that an emergency situation exists.
- Call 911.
- Start Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
- Use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
- Transfer care to emergency medical staff.

Recognized Certifications

This policy ensures that only those employees or emergency medical services providers with approved training and holding a current certificate will be authorized to use AED'S. According to New Jersey law (P.L. 1999, Chapter 34, 2A:62A 23-27), approved training is any nationally recognized training program, such as those offered by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association, as well as any other training program recognized by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

Equipment Procurement and Maintenance

Defibrillators may be ordered and purchased only after a prescription has been obtained from a licensed physician. The licensed physician shall be provided with a copy of this policy as required by law.

All automated external defibrillators and accessory equipment will be maintained according to manufacturer's instructions. They will be checked on a routine basis as recommended. After each use, the prescribing physician will be notified as required by law. Any replacement parts and/or supplies will be promptly ordered.

Good Samaritan Protection

P.L. 1999, Chapter 34, C. 2A:62A-23 to 2A:62A-27 states that “any person or entity who, in good faith, acquires or provides a defibrillator, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of a defibrillator or supervises such care or treatment and, has complied with the requirements of the act, shall be immune from civil liability for any personal injury as a result of such care or treatment, or as a result of any [act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical care] acts or omissions by the person or entity in providing, rendering or supervising the emergency care or treatment.” In addition, this immunity includes the prescribing licensed physician as well as the entity and/or person who provided the cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator training. Failure to use a defibrillator “shall not be considered gross negligence or willful or wonton misconduct”.

Employee:

Obtains certification prior to using an automated external defibrillator.

Human Resources Department/designee (EMS):

Ensures participating departments and employees are trained and certified.

Oversees equipment maintenance and routine checks in accordance with manufacturer standards.