

The Facts about Sudden Cardiac Arrest*



• Sudden cardiac arrest strikes more than 300,000 people per year.

• Only one out of every 20 sudden cardiac arrest victims survives.

• Defibrillation is the treatment of irregular, sporadic or absent heart rhythm and is the only definitive treatment for sudden cardiac arrest.

• Congested streets, high-rise offices and remote work sites can slow emergency medical responders trying to reach sudden cardiac arrest victims.

• Immediate attention is critical to a patient's survival.

• About 150 million Americans spend more than half their waking hours at work.

*Source: American Red Cross

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Automatic External Defibrillators

AEDs are portable electronic devices that automatically diagnose life threatening cardiac arrhythmias



AEDS ARE DESIGNED TO BE USED BY **FIRST-TIME USERS**

Simple

Effective

Easy to Use





OREGON'S NEW AED LAW

Key Points of Oregon's New AED Law



Using an AED stabilizes the patient until the paramedics arrive.

• **Owners** of facilities with 50,000 square feet or more of floor space **shall have at least one automated external defibrillator on site.**

• The law further defines facilities as those 50,000 sq ft places where business activities are conducted and more than 25 people gather on a regular business day.

or

• As 50,000 sq ft places where the public gathers for shopping, entertainment, amusement or to await transportation.

• Places of worship are exempt.

• Apartment buildings and private residences

are not required to have an AED on site.

• The law simply requires the owner of eligible facilities to provide an on-site AED.

• The law **does not** require the building owner to have an on AED-trained staff member.

• The law **does not** contain requirements regarding the on-site location of the AED, but good practice suggests keeping them in accessible and well marked locations.

• The law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

• The law was introduced by Senator Mark Hass.



Automatic External Defibrillators are critical to saving lives

