

Arkansas: State Laws for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

Do you live in Arkansas and in need of an Automated External Defibrillator? Before you make that purchase make sure to check out the AED laws in Arkansas! Below is important AED information including a summary of requirements, related laws, as well as information about "Good Samaritan" protection.

Contact us if you have any other questions about Arkansas Automated External Defibrillation laws. You can also [start shopping for your AED now!](#)

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Summary of Requirements		
✓	Physician	A licensed physician is required to ensure AED program compliance.
✓	CPR / AED Training	Expected AED users must complete CPR and AED training at least once every two years.
✓	EMS Notification	Any person or entity who acquires an automated external defibrillator shall notify an agent of the emergency communications, 911, or vehicle dispatch center of the existence, location, and type of automated external defibrillator.
✓	Maintenance Program	The defibrillator must be maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's guidelines and instructions on a regularly scheduled basis.
✓	Notification of Use	Any person who renders emergency care or treatment on a person in sudden cardiac arrest by using an automated external defibrillator must activate the emergency medical services system as soon as possible and report any clinical use of the automated external defibrillator to the medical provider responding to the emergency.

"Good Samaritan" Protection				
Rescuer	Purchaser	Property Owner	Physician	Trainer
✓		✓	✓	✓
<p>Section 20-13-1305 "(a) Any person or entity that in good faith and without compensation renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an automated external defibrillator is immune from civil liability for any personal injury as a result of the care or treatment or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment if the person acts as an ordinary, reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.</p> <p>(b) The immunity from civil liability for any personal injury under subsection (a) of this section includes:</p> <p>(1) A physician or medical facility that is involved with automated external defibrillator placement;</p> <p>(2) Any person or entity that provides cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator training to the person or entity acquiring an automated external defibrillator; and</p> <p>(3) The person or entity responsible for the location where the automated external defibrillator is located or used.</p> <p>(c) The immunity from civil liability under subsection (a) of this section does not apply if the personal injury results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person rendering the emergency care.</p> <p>(d) The requirements of 20-13-1304 do not apply to any individual using an automated external defibrillator in an emergency setting if that individual is acting as a "Good Samaritan" under the provisions of either 17-95-101 or 17-95-106. "</p>				

Related Laws/Legislation		
Reference	Effective Date	Law Summary
SB 312	2009	"The Antony Hobbs III Act" - requires the placement of Automated External Defibrillators in every school (and school-related activities, such as athletic events) and requires school personnel to be trained on their use.
HB 2578	2007	The Arkansas Automatic External Defibrillator Act of 2007 - requires that Automated External Defibrillators be placed in all public and private schools and institutions of higher learning - if funds are available.
HB 2786	2007	An Act to Amend the Law regarding Automatic External Defibrillators in Health Spas and for other purposes: 1. Each health spa shall have at least one automated external defibrillator on the premises. 2. The defibrillator shall at all times be placed in the location that best provides accessibility to staff, members, and guests. 3. At all times during staffed business hours, the spa shall ensure that at least one employee who has completed a knowledge and skills course in operating an Automated External Defibrillator and in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation is assigned to be on duty. 4. An unstaffed health spa shall have on the premises: (A) A telephone for 911 telephone call access; (B) An advisory warning that indicates that members of the unstaffed health spa should be aware that working out alone may pose risks to the health spa member's health and safety; and (5) In plain view: (A) A sign indicating the location of the automated external defibrillator; and (B) A sign providing instruction in the use of the automated external defibrillator and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
HB 1970	2005	An Act to Require that an automated external defibrillator be placed in health spas.
HB 1231	2005	An Act that expands public access to automatic external defibrillators.
HB 1006	1999	An Act that establishes requirements for Automated External Defibrillator (AED) placement and immunity from civil liability.