



STANDARD SIGNS FOR AEDS

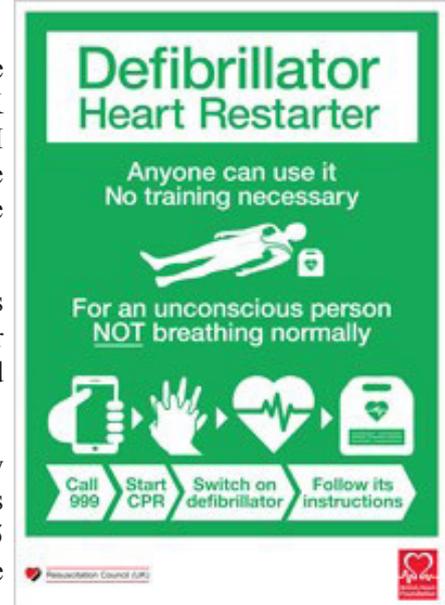


<https://www.resus.org.uk/defibrillators/standard-sign-for-aeds/>

I have copied a lot of the following text from the above link above (Resuscitation Council UK along with the British Heart Foundation) because I feel strongly that the more people we can get the information out to about the use of AEDs the more lives can be saved.

Use of PAD or Public Access Defibrillation – has proven to substantially improve survival rates for cardiac arrest victims where the arrest has occurred outside of the hospital environment.

In 2014 it was recognized that new signage may encourage more people to use the AED – figures from a survey in 2015 showed that out of 1895 adults fewer than 50% recognized or understood the 2006 signs.



A further survey was carried out in December 2015 and the results contributed to the designs shown.

The new AED location sign makes the following changes to the current one:

- It changes the lightning bolt icon into a stylised ECG heart trace – respondents overwhelmingly said they would be more likely to use a sign with this icon on.
- The description is changed to “Defibrillator – Heart Restarter” – respondents said they thought this term would most encourage them to use the device.
- A supine person was added, showing the suggested placement of the defibrillator pads, to reinforce (by way of a strong visual cue) how the device should be used.

The supporting information poster was reviewed by experts and is consistent with the 2015 Resuscitation Council (UK) guidelines. It reinforces the following key messages about PAD and the use of an AED:

- Anyone can use an AED – you do not need prior medical or first-aid training
- It is easy to use – just follow its instructions
- It is for use on an unconscious person not breathing normally

All First Aid at Work related courses now include familiarization on the use of AEDs, our findings are that attendees are very surprised as to how easy (and effective) they are to use – you do not need training to use one, but if it makes you feel more confident put yourself forward for a First Aid course in your workplace.

£20 Competition!



‘GET LIN HOT BLING icon was taken off the 2006 sign’

Rearrange the words in capitals to make sense of the above statement.

E-mail your answer A, B or C to mail@getsettraining.co.uk by Friday 6th October. One person with the correct answer will receive £20.00 in Marks and Spencer vouchers

Congratulations!

Winner of the July competition was
Paul Peacham of ARCO

The correct answer was:

C) RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences)