



MEMBER ALERT
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED) IN
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Effective July 1, 2019, any school district or charter school, that elects to offer any interscholastic athletic program, shall acquire at least one AED for each school within the district and place the AED within 3-5 minutes of any athletic event. Additionally, each district or charter school must ensure that there is a written emergency action plan in place that describes the location and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest and other medical emergencies related to the athletic program's activities or events.

Current law: SB 658 provides immunity to civil liability for the following:

- a. Any person who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED at the scene of an emergency (we'll call this person a "described user").
- b. A person or entity who provides CPR and AED training to a described user.
- c. A person or entity that acquires an AED for such emergency use by a described user, if the acquirer has complied with subdivision (b) of Section 1797.196 of the Health and Safety Code.
- d. Any physician and surgeon or other health care professional that is involved in the selection, placement, or installation of an AED later used by a described user.

According to section 1797.196, immunity for the acquiring person or entity requires:

- a. Compliance with all regulations governing the placement of an AED.
- b. Notifying an agent of the local EMS agency of the existence, location, and type of AED acquired.
- c. Maintaining and testing the AED according to the manufacturer's operation and maintenance guidelines.
- d. Testing the AED at least biannually and after each use.
- e. Inspecting all AEDs on the premises at least every 90 days for potential issues related to operability of the device.
- f. Keeping records of the maintenance and testing required by the statute to demonstrate compliance.

When an AED is placed in a K-12 school, section 1797.196 imposes the following requirements:

- The principal shall ensure that the school administrators and staff annually receive information that describes:
 - sudden cardiac arrest,
 - the school's emergency response plan,
 - the proper use of an AED,
 - and the location of all AED units on the campus
- The principal shall also ensure that instructions, in no less than 14-point type, on how to use the AED are posted next to every AED.

According to section 1797.196, immunity for an owner of any other building where an AED is installed (presumably including COE and school district buildings other than K-12 schools) requires the building owner do all of the following:

- a. At least once a year, notify workers or other users of the building as to the location of the AED units and provide information about who such persons can contact if they want to voluntarily take AED or CPR training.
- b. At least once a year, offer a demonstration to at least one person associated with the building so that the person can be walked through how to use an AED properly in an emergency. The building owner may arrange for the demonstration or partner with a nonprofit organization to do so.
- c. Next to the AED, post instructions, in no less than 14-point type, on how to use the AED.

Resources:

[National Federation of State High School Associations – Guidelines for an Emergency Action Plan](#)

[California Interscholastic Federation – Emergency Action Plan Information](#)

[CIF Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information:](#)

- [NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course \(Free\)](#)
- [SCA Flyer / SCA Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [SCA Fact Sheet / SCA Fact Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)
- [SCA Risks and Symptoms](#)
- [Cardiac Chain of Survival](#)
- [Parent/Athlete Team Meeting Handout / Parent/Athlete Team Meeting Handout \(Spanish\)](#)
- [SCA Parent/Student Review Form / SCA Parent/Student Review Form \(Spanish\)](#)
- [SCA Warning Signs and Symptoms Poster](#)
- [Cardiac Chain of Survival Poster](#)
- [A Parents Guide to Sudden Cardiac Arrest \(Video\)](#)
- [Video for Parent/Athlete Seasonal Team Meeting](#)
- [Cardiac Chain of Survival Video](#)
- [Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation](#)