



# MEDIC ONE



**WE RECOMMEND A COPY OF THE MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AND THIS OVERVIEW BE COPIED AND PLACED INSIDE YOUR FACILITIES DEFIBRILLATOR FOR QUICK REFERENCE.**

## **(Semi)Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) aka Public Access Defibrillator (PAD)**

Thurston County Medic One is the local emergency medical services (EMS) agency for the operation and oversight of the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) program in Thurston County, Washington. We are pleased to offer extensive services and consultation to your organization in placing and operating a PAD machine. There are currently over 500 of these machines in place to serve citizens of this county.

[RCW 70.54.310](#) authorizes the placement and use of a PAD machine (also referred to as an Automatic External Defibrillator – AED) and grants civil liability immunity provided certain requirements are met. Our desire is to make this process as easy as possible in hopes that more of these machines will be placed in the community. If you have questions or need assistance with your PAD program, please call 360-704-2780 or email [daphne.reaves@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:daphne.reaves@co.thurston.wa.us). We will help direct you to the personnel that can best assist you with your concerns and/or questions.

RCW IN PLAIN LANGUAGE	
<a href="#">RCW 70.54.310</a>	<a href="#">MEDIC ONE – Overview</a>
2 (a) Expected users receive training	<b>FREE CPR CLASSES for individuals and worksites</b> which includes AED training. Individuals may sign up at: <a href="https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/ml/Pages/cpr.aspx">https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/ml/Pages/cpr.aspx</a> Worksites, please call 360-704-2790 to schedule your classes for 6 or more employees.
2 (b) Maintain AED Equipment	Typical maintenance of a PAD/AED requires (a) Monitoring its status and (b) Replacing the battery and the pads when they reach their expiration date. Questions regarding maintenance should be directed to the manufacturer or distributor of your AED.
2 (c) Medical Authorization	Refer to Medical Authorization application.
2 (d) Notify local EMS of the existence and location of the machine	Register through Thurston County Medic One. <a href="https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/ml/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/ml/Pages/default.aspx</a>
2 (e) Data management and quality assurance	If the device has been used, call Medic One (360-704-2780) so that follow-up data can be gathered by EMS.



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#### **Semiautomatic external defibrillator – Duty of acquirer – Immunity from civil liability.**

- (1) As used in this section, “defibrillator” means a semiautomatic external defibrillator as prescribed by a physician licensed under chapter [18.57 RCW](#), and [18.71 RCW](#).
- (2) A person or entity who acquires a defibrillator shall ensure that:
  - (a) Expected defibrillator users receive reasonable instruction in defibrillator use and cardiopulmonary resuscitation by a course approved by the department of health;
  - (b) The defibrillator is maintained and tested by the acquirer according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;
  - (c) Upon acquiring a defibrillator, medical direction is enlisted by the acquirer from a licensed physician in the use of the defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
  - (d) The person or entity who acquires a defibrillator shall notify the local emergency medical services organization about the existence and the location of the defibrillator; and
  - (e) The defibrillator user shall call 911 or its local equivalent as soon as possible after the emergency use of the defibrillator and shall assure that appropriate follow-up data is made available as requested by emergency medical service or other health care providers.
- (3) A person who uses a defibrillator at the scene of an emergency and all other persons and entities providing services under this section are immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use of the defibrillator in an emergency setting.
- (4) The immunity from civil liability does not apply if the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- (5) The requirements of subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to any individual using a defibrillator in an emergency setting if that individual is acting as a good samaritan under [RCW 4.24.300](#).

[\[ 1998 c 150 § 1.\]](#)