

According to the American Heart Association, over 800,000 people in the United States experience a heart attack, or approximately on every 40 seconds. Over 350,000 of those cases take place outside the care of a hospital.

It's no surprise then that more and more facilities are making the pragmatic choice to include Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public places like colleges and universities, sports arenas, corporations, shopping malls, airports and more. Considering that AEDs have the potential to improve survival rates by as much as 50 to 80 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, that prevalence will only continue to go up.

As critical as the presence of AEDs can be, there is far more involved than simply hanging one on a wall. It's important to be aware of all the options and advantages available so you can be as prepared as possible during an emergency situation that involves sudden cardiac arrest.

That includes blue light phones & Help Points®.

Many blue light phones on the market have the option to be equipped with temperature-controlled AED compartments. As important as these pedestals and call boxes are in reporting crimes and suspicious individuals, there are a number of reasons why adding an AED housing also is a good choice for your location.



Where should Help Points® with AEDs be installed?

Just as important as having an AED unit on site is making sure it is placed in the proper location. Utilizing a Code Blue Help Point® with an AED cabinet helps increase the visibility to people, which helps accomplish rule #1, **make sure it is highly visible**. As for physical locations, high-traffic areas are always recommended, but below are more specific locations to consider installing a Help Point with an AED cabinet.

- Building entrances or in lobbies.
- Near playgrounds, parks, and sports fields.
- Sports stadiums & complexes.
- Gyms or other workout facilities.
- Schools (inside & outside)
- Theme Parks
- Airports
- Parking Garages
- Places of Worship
- Hotels

Importance of AEDs?

- Sudden cardiac arrest claims more than 350,000 lives annually.
- Nearly 90% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests are fatal.
- 1 in 25 US High Schools can expect to have a sudden cardiac arrest event each year.
- Every minute that passes without defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases 7 to 10 percent.
- AEDs can increase survival rates 50 to 80 percent when used in conjunction with CPR.

Source: American Heart Association

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Advantages of Adding AED

Phone connection: The Federal Occupational Health Agency recommends that an emergency communication device be located near an AED that not only can request help, but gives first responders the opportunity to walk an individual through first aid. Since blue light phones are equipped with hands-free speakerphones, efficient and effective contact can be made with assistance.

Alert authorities: In addition to notifying first responders during a health emergency, blue light phones continually monitor the AED compartment to see if it has been opened, tampered with or is malfunctioning. If any of these instances occur, personnel are instantly notified to respond to that specific location.

Visual beacons: Blue light phones equipped with conspicuous lighting, graphics and paint serve as a clear symbol of help. The locations of these units typically are publicized as well to provide additional awareness and visibility.

Easy access: AED compartments that can be opened both on site and remotely provide a swift response time and adhere to important laws and regulations, like the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Legal obligations: While it's always a good idea to consult your legal representatives, most Good Samaritan laws now include the use of an AED. While these will vary state to state, AEDs now offer more benefits than risks, while also presenting your commitment to health and safety to the community.

No one ever expects an emergency situation to occur, but by utilizing the multifaceted advantages that a Code Blue Help Point® equipped with an AED unit offers, you'll be prepared if one arises.

CB 1-s with AED Housing:

This pedestal combines all the benefits of our signature CB 1-s Help Point® with an integrated housing to accept an AED. Access is controlled through a convenient signal to the device to release the door hatch in an emergency.

CB 2-e with AED Housing:

Allowing the combination of a help & AED cabinet to be placed almost anywhere, this wall-mounted unit is constructed with an integrated housing, ideal for exterior and interior applications.

CB 1-e with AED Housing:

This option utilizes our economical CB 1-w Help Point® along with a built in AED cabinet. It provides the durability and reassurance offered by our towers, as well as the life-saving capabilities of an AED unit.



For more information or to find out where you can purchase an AED Help Point®, please contact Customer Service via email customerservice@codeblue.com or by phone [800-205-7186](tel:800-205-7186).