

DEFIBRILLATORS

Background:

The installation of automated external defibrillators (AED) within District facilities is supported. The importance of taking appropriate action whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student or staff member at school or during school-sponsored activities is recognized.

Procedures

1. Authorization and Placement
 - 1.1. The District has authorized the placement and use of AEDs at all District facilities.
 - 1.2. All placements must be approved by the Director of Operations.
2. Legal Doctrine
 - 2.1. In a medical emergency, the doctrine of in loco parentis applies, affirming that staff members may take necessary action in the best interest of students.
3. Responsibilities of the Director of Operations:
 - 3.1. AEDs meet Health Canada's Medical Device Regulations.
 - 3.2. AEDs are approved by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).
 - 3.3. Notification of the type and location of AEDs is provided to the Interior Health Authority.
 - 3.4. Establishment and documentation of procedures for monitoring, maintenance, and training for AED use.
 - 3.5. Coordination of staff training for AED use, drawing on resources such as St. John Ambulance (online and in-person training).

Reference: Sections 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act

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