

Defibrillators

This information is being provided to all facility user groups to increase awareness. Missoula County Public Schools started a defibrillator program in August of 2009. Another name for a defibrillator is Automated External Defibrillator (AED for short.) It is used on someone who has experienced Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Not all schools have them yet but that is the goal. All 3 large high schools do have them now.

The brand that MCPS has is called Phillips Heartstart. It is kept in a case that looks like this:



The AED is in or near the gym and is kept in a wall mounted cabinet that looks like this.



There are signs that point to the AED placed in the gym and hallways.



Hooked to the side of the AED case, is a "rescue kit". It holds extra supplies such as gloves and a facemask.



Although the AED is very easy to use even by people with little to no training, we strongly urge facility users to have someone in your group be trained in first aid, CPR and AED use.

The first sign of a possible sudden cardiac arrest is loss of consciousness. 911 should be called immediately for any person who experiences this.

If the unconscious person is not breathing, have some one go get the AED and start the steps of CPR.



All AED's have voice prompts that will guide the user in what to do. Simply zip open the case and press the green power button or pull the green handle to turn it on, and the AED will guide you through what to do.