

1 Legend: (Proposed Amendments)

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3 Single Underline = Proposed new language

4 **[Bold, Print, and Brackets]** = Current language proposed for deletion

5 Regular Print = Current language

6 (No change.) = No changes are being considered for the designated subdivision

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8 §157.41. Automated External Defibrillators for Public Access Defibrillation.

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10 (a) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to establish minimum standards and requirements for training
11 of lay responders **[persons]** using automated external defibrillators (AED).

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13 (b) Exemption. This section shall not apply to persons who are licensed, certified registered under
14 the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 773 or to hospitals licensed under Chapter 241, Health and
15 Safety Code.

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17 (c) Definitions.

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19 (1) Automated External Defibrillator (AED)--An electronic medical device approved by the
20 United States Food and Drug Administration which is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of
21 cardioventricular fibrillation or rapid cardioventricular tachycardia; is capable of determining, without
22 interpretation of cardiac rhythm by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed and, on
23 determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests the operator to
24 deliver an electrical impulse to an individual's heart.

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26 (2) Automated External Defibrillator Protocol--The plan for a course of treatment, as it
27 relates to the use of an AED.

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29 (3) ~~[(2)]~~ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)--A life saving procedure involving closed
30 chest compressions and artificial respiration to an individual who is pulseless and apneic or who is
31 experiencing agonal respiration.

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33 (4) Lay Responder--A non-EMS-professional trained to respond to specific medical
34 emergencies such as sudden cardiac arrest.

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36 (5) Public Access Defibrillation--A comprehensive, integrated community approach to the
37 use of AEDs by trained lay responders.

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39 (6) Sudden Cardiac Arrest--A condition of sudden, unexpected loss of heart function,
40 breathing and consciousness, usually resulting from an electrical disturbance in the heart that disrupts its
41 pumping action and causes blood to stop flowing to the rest of the body.

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43 (d) Training required.

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45 (1) A person acquiring and/or using an AED shall successfully complete a training course in
46 CPR and AED operation in accordance with the guidelines established by the device's manufacturer and as
47 approved by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, other nationally recognized
48 associations, or the medical director of the local emergency medical services provider.

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50 (2) The person shall maintain that training in accordance with the guidelines established by
51 the training association.
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53 (3) A licensed physician shall be involved in the training program to ensure compliance with
54 the requirements of this chapter. Physician involvement may be in the form of medical consultation or
55 general oversight of the course.

56 (e) Notification required.

57 (1) A person or entity that acquires an AED shall immediately notify all local emergency
58 medical service providers of the existence, physical location and type of device.

59 (2) A person or entity that uses an AED shall notify the local emergency medical service
60 (911) provider after the AED is used.

61 (f) Guidelines and procedures for use. Use of an AED shall be in accordance with the guidelines
62 established as nationally recognized standards and shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's operating
63 procedures.

64 (1) The AED guidelines for lay responder groups should include procedures for assigning
65 responsibility for a person to:

66 (A) maintain purchase, use and maintenance records;

67 (B) serve as liaison with the medical consultant and local EMS;

68 (C) determine and implement AED placement recommendations;

69 (D) maintain the unit; and

70 (E) ensure a core of trained users.

71 (2) The AED guidelines should also include:

72 (A) prescription information;

73 (B) liability exemption information.

74 (C) protocols approved by the American Heart Association;

75 (D) after-use procedures; and

76 (E) quality improvement procedures.

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