



Memorandum

DAS Policy on Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at DAS Owned or Managed Properties

Facilities Management Technical Services Environmental, Health & Safety staff do not, at this time, recommend that DAS or DAS contracted security staff be involved in purchasing AEDs or implementing an AED program at DAS owned or managed properties. This recommendation is based not only on the costs involved but also on the time and effort needed to organize a proper program. The FDA regulates AEDs as prescription devices and acquisition of the instruments requires some formal medical involvement/oversight. The amount of medical involvement varies by state and it is our understanding that CT requires a medical doctor to oversee an AED program. Although these devices are easy to use and a trained first-aider with CPR can successfully operate one, an AED program is beyond the scope of DAS and DAS contracted security services. The primary function of DAS security services is to provide security and, because of the limited number of security staff in general, providing medical response in emergencies is not a feasible proposition. In a medical emergency, security staff are directed to contact outside trained medical assistance (i.e. call 911). Here at 165 Capitol Ave or at any other facility that might have an organized volunteer medical team, security has the option of contacting the volunteer force in addition to calling for outside help. If an organized volunteer medical response team wishes to purchase AEDs and implement a program, we would not deter them from doing so but that decision should be left entirely up to the volunteer team.

In summary, we do not see DAS or DAS contracted security staff as the lead on implementing an AED program or, for that matter, in organizing a volunteer medical response program however we do not want to deter others from doing so if they wish to. From a regulatory standpoint (i.e. OSHA), an employer is not required to provide on-site emergency medical response in a typical office environment when off-site medical care facilities are in close proximity and external medical response can arrive within a reasonable period of time.

Note: At some DAS owned or managed properties, there may be a state agency who performs functions that might necessitate a medical response program in order to provide a safe environment for their employees (according to OSHA). In these cases that agency, not DAS, may be required to have a trained medical team or individual to respond.