

# Finding the right place for your defibrillator

Did you know that *where* you put your defibrillator is just as important as having one?

Positioning your defibrillator in the right place will mean more people have fast and easy access to the device in an emergency.



Follow these recommendations so your defibrillator is in the right place at the right time.

## Location Checklist

### Location

The defibrillator is in a high traffic area where most people interact.



### Visibility

The defibrillator is in a location that has clear signage and is clearly marked – it isn't hidden or out of sight.



### Storage

The defibrillator is protected in a case or holder that is easy to access in an emergency. Secure storage does not mean locked up – this will prevent access.



### Availability

The defibrillator can be accessed by those within your organisation and the general public whenever it is needed. If possible it is highly recommended to have your defibrillator publicly accessible 24/7 as emergencies take place at any time and your defibrillator could be the difference in saving a life.



### Registration

The defibrillator location is registered with the Ambulance Victoria AED register. The register provides the locations of all nearby defibrillators. This helps paramedics or bystanders easily find a defibrillator in an emergency.



**Register your defibrillator at [registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au](http://registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au)**

### Location, Location, Location!



Defibrillators can be found in many public spaces such as airports, shopping centers, sporting facilities, supermarkets and workplaces.

Having your defibrillator publicly accessible gives bystanders the tools to save a life while waiting for paramedics to arrive.

Publicly accessible means having the defibrillator accessible to members of the general public as well as members within your organisation.

See where your nearest registered defibrillator is at [registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au/find-an-aed](http://registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au/find-an-aed)

### Theft prevention



A defibrillator is a big financial investment for many organisations, therefore, it is only natural that you would want to lock up your defibrillator or hide it from plain view.

However, these measures **will delay or prevent a defibrillator from being accessed in an emergency** where every minute counts.

Instead, to deter theft - install extra lighting or surveillance cameras near your defibrillator. You can also store your defibrillator in a specialised case or cabinet that contains an alarm when opened.

**Need help making sure your defibrillator is in the right place? We can help [stjohnvic.com.au/defibs](http://stjohnvic.com.au/defibs)**