



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Safety Message

The list of possible medical emergencies you can experience in life is a long one. A common medical emergency that takes the lives of many people are emergencies that involve the heart. Heart attacks are extremely common; over 725,000 Americans experience a heart attack each year.

Another medical emergency involving the heart is sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest is different than a heart attack due to the fact that the heart suddenly stops beating altogether, whereas blood can still flow during a heart attack. Sudden cardiac arrest can occur after a heart attack, however.

One life-saving tool that can prevent death resulting from sudden cardiac arrest is an automated external defibrillator, or AED for short.