

West's District of Columbia Code Annotated 2001 Edition  
Division VIII. General Laws.  
Title 44. Charitable and Curative Institutions. (Refs & Annos)  
Subtitle I. Health Related Institutions.  
Chapter 2A. Defibrillator Usage.

DC ST § 44-232

§ 44-232. Access by the public to defibrillation.

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(a) A person who or entity that acquires an AED shall ensure that:

(1) The Facility AED Coordinator receives training from or is certified by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or an equivalent state or nationally recognized course, such as the Heart Saver CPR AED course, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) and in the use of an AED, and that the users maintain their certification in CPR and AED use;

(2) The defibrillator is maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines, and written records of the maintenance and testing are maintained;

(3) A physician licensed in the District of Columbia shall oversee all aspects of the defibrillation program, including training, coordination with the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (“Department”), protocol approval, AED deployment strategies, and equipment maintenance plan, and shall review each case in which the AED is used by the program; provided, that a physician is not required if a person or entity enters into an agreement with the Department pursuant to which the Department provides the equipment, training, and oversight required by this subsection; and

(4) Any person who uses an AED to provide emergency care or treatment on a person in cardiac arrest shall activate the Department's emergency medical service system as soon as possible, and shall report any clinical use of the AED to the licensed physician or medical authority. Data on AED use shall be submitted to the Department and reviewed by the Department.

(b) Repealed.

(c) Any person or entity who acquires an AED shall notify the Chief of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (“Chief of the Department”) or his or her designee and the call center, as defined in § 1-327.51(a)(2), of the AED and the location and type of the AED. If an AED is removed, the Chief of the Department shall be notified. The Chief of the Department may issue a citation if the requirements of this subsection are not followed; provided, that the Chief of the Department has adopted regulations governing the issuance of the citations.

**Credits**

(Apr. 27, 2001, D.C. Law 13-278, § 3, 48 DCR 1869; Mar. 25, 2009, D.C. Law 17-362, § 2(b), 56 DCR 1211; Oct. 8, 2016, D.C. Law 21-160, § 3144(b), 63 DCR 10775.)

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### Prior Versions (2)

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## Editor's and Revisor's Notes (8)

### HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

#### Effect of Amendments

[D.C. Law 17-362](#) , in subsec. (b), designated the existing text as par. (1), inserted “Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,” and added par. (2).

#### Emergency Act Amendments

For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 3144(b) of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2016 (D.C. Act 21-463, July 20, 2016, 63 DCR 9843 ).

#### Legislative History of Laws

For [D.C. Law 13-278](#) , see notes following § 44-231.

For Law 17-362, see notes following § 44-231.

For history of Law 21-160, see notes under § 44-231.

#### Miscellaneous Notes

Section 10001 of [D.C. Law 21-160](#) provides:

“Sec. 10001. Applicability.

“Except as otherwise provided, this act shall apply as of October 1, 2016.”

## Bill Drafts (5)

### 1. [2015 DC L.B. 812 \(NS\)](#)

2015 Washington DC Legislative Bill No. 812, Washington DC Council Period Twenty-One, July 20, 2016,  
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Updating Legislation: **2016 District of Columbia Laws Act 21-463**

### 2. [2015 DC L.B. 812 \(NS\)](#)

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### 3. [2015 DC L.B. 812 \(NS\)](#)

2015 Washington DC Legislative Bill No. 812, Washington DC Council Period Twenty-One, June 28, 2016,  
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### 4. [2015 DC L.B. 669 \(NS\)](#)




2015 Washington DC Legislative Bill No. 669, Washington DC Council Period Twenty-One, Aug. 18, 2016,  
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### 5. [2015 DC L.B. 669 \(NS\)](#)

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**Citing References (3)**

Title	Date	NOD Topics	Type
<p>1. <a href="#">DC CODE § 44-232.01; § 44-232.01. AED program for Department of Parks and Recreation facilities.</a> </p> <p>DC CODE § 44-232.01</p>	—	—	Statute
<p>2. <a href="#">DC CODE § 44-232.03; § 44-232.03. CPR and AED program.</a> </p> <p>DC CODE § 44-232.03</p>	—	—	Statute
<p>3. <a href="#">DC CODE § 44-234; § 44-234. Agency fund.</a> </p> <p>DC CODE § 44-234</p>	—	—	Statute

**Context and Analysis (2)**

**Library References (2)**

[Health](#)  [306](#).

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