



SB 658 Amends Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Regulations Civil Code Section 1714.21

Effective January 1, 2016 new legislation streamlines the state requirements that public schools need to follow to be immune from liability if they have AEDs on their property. Under the provisions of SB 658 signed by Governor Brown on September 3 2015, this act does not require an AED to be placed on campus. SB 658 amends Section 1714.21 of the Civil Code and Section 1797.1906 of the Health and Safety Code.

Sudden cardiac arrest kills nearly 1,000 people per day in the United States. Only 10 percent of victims who suffer a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital setting survive. The average response time for a 911 call is 8-12 minutes. Each minute defibrillation is delayed a person's chance of survival is reduced about 10%.

Section 1714.21 of the Civil Code

1. Current law exempts from liability any person or entity that volunteers to give emergency care at the scene of an emergency.
2. Exempts physicians or other health care professional from liability if they are involved with placement of the AED. **NEW**
3. Protections do not apply in the case of willful misconduct.
4. The manufacturer/supplier is not protected from liability.

Section 1797.196 of the Health and Safety Code: **has been edited extensively.**

1. Comply with AED placement regulations.
2. Notify local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency of the location of the AED and its brand.

3. Adhere to the Manufacturer's maintenance schedule.
4. "Ensure AED is tested at least biannually and after each use."
5. Inspect the AED at least every 90 days and maintain records of the periodic inspections.
6. When an AED is placed in a building, the owner shall:
 - a. Annually notify tenants of location of the AED and who they may contact to voluntarily take CPR classes.
 - b. Annually offer a demonstration of use of the AED.

Post instructions on how to use the AED (14-point font).
7. A physician is not required for AED acquisition and placement.
8. When an AED is placed in a public or private K-12 school, principals shall:
 - a. Annually provide staff with information on what is sudden cardiac arrest, the school's emergency response plan and proper use of an AED and location(s) of the AED.
 - b. Post instructions on how to use an AED beside the unit (14-point font).
9. "This section does not prohibit a school employee ...from rendering aid with an AED."
10. The Manufacturer/supplier will provide all the information about use and maintenance.