

# AED

Place patient on a hard surface away from standing water or conductive (metal) surfaces.

Place AED near the patient and press on/off button to turn on the AED.

The AED voice prompts will begin and guide you through the response steps.  
(Below:)

Expose the patient's bare chest. If the electrodes will not stick due to excessive hair, press them down firmly and remove in a rapid fashion in an effort to remove excess hair. Discard these pads and replace with a new set. OR shave the hair if a razor is available. If the patient is dirty, wet or diaphoretic, wipe the chest clean and dry.

Tear open the electrode package and connect to the AED (if not already done).

Remove the electrode pads, one at a time, from the backing and apply to patient's bare chest as shown on the illustration on the pad.

Listen to the voice prompts and do not touch the patient unless instructed to do so.

As soon as the AED delivers the shock, begin with BLS (CPR) per accepted AHA standards.

Continue to follow prompts combined with appropriate BLS (CPR) until EMS arrival.

Once EMS arrives, disconnect the pads from the AED but LEAVE PADS ON PATIENT.

Turn the AED off and take it out of service. Notify the Battalion Chief or Department Medical Officer that AED needs to be downloaded. Acquire replacement pads from EMS.