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### **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a device about the size of a thick laptop computer that analyzes the heart's rhythm for any abnormalities and, if necessary, directs the rescuer to deliver an electrical shock to the victim. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm of its own.

Here at the University of Houston Main Campus we have 29 AED's spread throughout the campus, and have another 12 AED's assigned to the University of Houston Department of Public Safety. Each patrol vehicle operated by the Department of Public Safety is equipped with an AED. The University of Houston System Sugar Land Campus and University of Houston System Cinco Ranch each have an AED. Once a month the AED's are inspected and tested to make sure they are in proper operational order.

