

Acute News

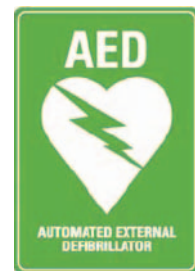
Welcome to the Spring 2008 Edition of Acute News, a quarterly publication exclusively for clients of Acute First Aid Pty Ltd.

First Aid: Whats changed now ?

In the continuous cycle of continuous improvement and also medical developments, there always seems to be something new or changing in First Aid. This month we can report that the Australian Resuscitation Council are currently reviewing a large number of their policy documents and should see changes later in 2008 or earlier in 2009. Policies under review include; unconscious patient, bleeding, seizures, asthma, hyperthermia, spinal injuries, hyperventilation and oxygen administration. As these changes occur, Acute First Aid will continue to bring them to you through Acute News.

New AED symbol:

Many workplaces and public venues have struggled to find the right symbol to use to identify that there is an AED (automatic external defibrillator) present and available. The Australian Resuscitation Council has approved this symbol for use. Acute First Aid will have these signs for purchase by mid-September 2008.



www.acutefirstaid.com.au

The Acute First Aid website has recently been rebuilt and remodeled. The first of three upgrades over coming months has been launched. The new site also includes updated training information and dates for our Melbourne public first aid courses. Check it out now !

First Aid Tip #37 Wasp Stings

It is that time of year again when wasps are out in force. Once stung, the wasp can repetitively sting the victim, without dying. This potentially leaves the first aider with multiple bite sites that need treatment. Localised pain, swelling and reddening may be present after being stung. Use a cold compress (ice wrapped in a cloth or towel) to manage wasp stings. Cold compress (ice wrapped in a cloth or towel) can be applied for 10-20 minutes to reduce the pain and swelling. People that have an allergic reaction to wasp stings should self-administer their own medication and seek medical attention.



Acute Link - Organ Donor Registry:

This editions website in focus is the organ donation registry. There are currently 3,000 people (children and adults) on the official organ and tissue transplant waiting list in Australia waiting for a heart, kidney, lung, liver, pancreas or corneal transplant. Of those waiting for a heart, lung or liver transplant, 20% will die before they receive one. What are you waiting for ?

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/services/aodr/index.jsp>



Acute Question - Can I be sued for doing first aid?:

If you have a question you want answered, email training@acutefirstaid.com.au and it may be published! This editions question comes from Lorraine from Hawthorn East:

"Can I be sued for doing first aid?"

Using the concept of 'reasonableness', there are no documented cases in Australia where any first aider has been successfully sued after giving emergency first aid. Acting reasonably in a CPR situation means that you would be expected to establish that the person was unconscious, not breathing and had no pulse before commencing CPR. A reasonable person would not start CPR on someone who had merely fainted or someone that was acting in a first aid course. Furthermore, a reasonable person is not expected to perform miracles.

Commonsense and a reasonable degree of skill are all that the law would require under such emergency circumstances. Moreover, a person who needs CPR will be unconscious, will not be breathing and will have no pulse. This person will die if appropriate medical care, including CPR, is not administered. Remember, it is likely that the person will be a spouse or a close relative.

In summary, you can not be held legally responsible for death or injury as a result of your intervention provided you act reasonably, carefully and in good faith at all times.

(Source: Queensland Dept of Emergency Services)

Spring Clean your first aid kit:

The daffodils are out, the weather is starting to warm up and it's the perfect time to Spring clean your first aid. When was the last time you checked your first aid kit? Have you used items and not replaced them? Phone us now for one of our first aid component pricelists and we will fax it to you. Alternative treat yourself to an Acute Service.

An 'Acute Service' is where a qualified staff member will come and replenish your first aid kit. For a small site visit fee plus the cost of replenished items, we will come and attend your site and restock your first aid kit in line with applicable standards.



Acute First Aid in Chinese

Acute First Aid now teaches in Cantonese! One of our trainers Amy, has successfully delivered training to a groups in Cantonese. We are currently expanding into multicultural sectors and Amy has achieved our first step.

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Public Courses 08

MELBOURNE CITY (St Kilda Rd)

Senior First Aid / Level 2 (9am – 5pm)

- Wed 7th & Thurs 8th May
- Wed 4th & Thurs 5th June
- Wed 2nd & Thurs 3rd July
- Wed 6th & Thurs 7th August
- Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th September
- Wed 1st & Thurs 2nd October
- Mon 10th & Tues 11th November
- Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th November

Emergency Level 1 First Aid (9am – 330pm)

- Wed 7th May
- Wed 4th June
- Wed 2nd July
- Wed 6th August
- Wed 3rd September
- Wed 1st October
- Mon 10th November
- Wed 3rd December

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (9am–12pm)

- Wed 7th May
- Wed 4th June
- Wed 2nd July
- Wed 6th August
- Wed 3rd September
- Wed 1st October
- Mon 10th November
- Wed 3rd December

WESTERN METRO (Sunshine)

Senior First Aid / Level 2 (9am – 5pm)

- Tues 27th & Wed 28th May
- Tues 26th & Wed 27th August
- Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd December

Emergency Level 1 First Aid (9am – 330pm)

- Tues 27th May
- Tues 26th August
- Tues 2nd December

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (9am–12pm)

- Tues 27th May
- Tues 26th August
- Tues 2nd December

NORTH METRO (Broadmeadows)

Senior First Aid / Level 2 (9am – 5pm)

- Tues 13th & Wed 14th May
- Tues 12th & Wed 13th August
- Tues 18th & Wed 19th November

Emergency Level 1 First Aid (9am – 330pm)

- Tues 13th May
- Tues 12th August
- Tues 18th November

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (9am–12pm)

- Tues 13th May
- Tues 12th August
- Tues 18th November

EASTERN METRO (Bayswater)

Senior First Aid / Level 2 (9am – 5pm)

- Thurs 29th & Fri 30th May
- Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd August
- Thurs 27th & Fri 28th November

Emergency Level 1 First Aid (9am – 330pm)

- Thurs 29th May
- Thurs 21st August
- Thurs 27th November

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (9am–12pm)

- Thurs 29th May
- Thurs 21st August
- Thurs 27th November

SOUTHERN METRO (Frankston)

Senior First Aid / Level 2 (9am – 5pm)

- Tues 3rd & Wed 4th June
- Tues 5th & Wed 6th August
- Tues 18th & Wed 19th November

Emergency Level 1 First Aid (9am – 330pm)

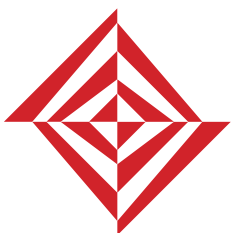
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More courses added weekly in all areas, including night & weekend courses.

Contact us for more information.



Course Enrolments

Phone: (03) 9381 9666

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Payment must be made within 7 days of enrolment.
Payment terms cash, credit card or cheque.
Prices and dates may change without notice.
Courses may be canceled up to 5 days prior.

Prices valid until 31st December 2008