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Duties of care

The importance of early defibrillation is key to the survival of sudden cardiac arrest. More emphasis on defibrillators in workplaces is required. Currently, the First Aid Code of Practice requires employers to undertake a risk assessment to determine the need for an AED to be positioned in the workplace. Further clarification such as min number of staff/visitors would make the decision process much easier for employers. Conducting a risk assessment to determine the need is too subjective as employees generally do not understand the risks of sudden cardiac arrest.