

# **Defibrillators in Bocholt**

## **What is an AED?**

An **automated external defibrillator** (AED) is a medical device for the treatment of *defibrillable* cardiac arrhythmias by delivering electrical shocks. In contrast to defibrillators used by rescue services or clinics, AEDs are particularly suitable for first aid by lay helpers because of their construction and mode of operation. (Source: *Wikipedia*)

## **Where can I find defibrillators?**

Here you will find a map with all locations in the Bocholt city area:

## Frequently asked questions

### – How does an AED work?

An automated external defibrillator (AED) analyses a person's heart rhythm and automatically delivers electrical shocks if a life-threatening heart rhythm, such as ventricular fibrillation, is detected. These shocks are designed to get the heart beating at a normal rhythm again.

### – Can an AED only be used by trained professionals?

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are designed so that they can be operated **by laypersons with no previous medical knowledge**. Nevertheless, it is advisable to complete a first aid training course to learn how to use them correctly.

### – Is it safe to use? Can I do something wrong?

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are safe to use. They have in-built safety mechanisms that continuously monitor the patient's heart rhythm and only deliver a shock when medically necessary.

The device also gives loud instructions for use when it is activated.

### – Can an AED cause harm if it is used on a person without heart problems?

AEDs are designed so that they only deliver a shock in certain situations. They analyse the heart rhythm and only deliver a shock if it is life-threatening. Incorrect use is unlikely.



## New defibrillator for the citizens' office

There is now a publicly accessible defibrillator in the Bocholt Citizens' Office. The device can help save lives in an emergency. The device was sponsored by Volksbank Bocholt.

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