

Usage and Locations of Defibrillators in the USDA HQ Complex

There are currently 35 Defibrillator units in the South Bldg, 3 in the Whitten Bldg, and 1 in the Yates Bldg. Those in the South Bldg are located on every floor of Wings 1, 3, 5, and 7. In addition, there are units in the basement of Wing 4, in the Health Unit, and in the NASS "lockup" area on the 4th floor. The Whitten units are in the A Section of the basement, 2nd floor, and 4th floor. The Yates unit is located at the guard station at the main entry. Members of our uniformed security force are trained in the use of AEDs as a requirement of their certification. The nurses in the Health Unit also maintain current CPR/AED certification. We have encouraged Agencies to allow their employees to avail themselves of first aid/CPR/AED training that is made available through recognized training providers (e.g., the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association). There are currently an unknown number of employees with CPR training throughout our facilities. Employee training is the responsibility of each Agency. Technical support (upgrading of software programming; supplying batteries and pads, as necessary) is currently provided by the Office of Operations Safety Office. In addition, the security officers do daily checks of the battery status of each unit.