



**DEFIBRILLATION OF CHILDREN (1-8 years)**

**Audience:** Patrol Captains, Vice Patrol Captains, Patrolling Members

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<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>New protocols for Defibrillation of children</b>
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**Defibrillation of Children aged 1-8yrs:**

Surf Life Saving Australia’s Lifesaving Standing Committee has reviewed the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) on children aged between 1 and 8 years old.

Following new guidelines provided by the Australian Resuscitation Council and advice by our National Medical Adviser, the Committee has endorsed defibrillation on children between the ages of 1 and 8 years.

For defibrillation on children it is preferable that the AED has pediatric capability. If the AED does not have pediatric capability, an adult AED may be used so long as the defibrillation pads are not touching each other. This may require one pad to be placed on the centre of the chest and the other one on the left posterior lateral chest (area between the left armpit and shoulder blade).

Age	Defibrillation using an AED
< 1yr (Infants)	No defibrillation recommended
1-8 yrs (Children)	Yes, preferably with an AED that has pediatric capability
>8yrs (Adults)	Yes, with the standard adult pads

If you have any questions or issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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