

2-Rescuer CPR Sequence With an AED

Follow these steps for rescuers with an AED:

Step	Action
1	<p>Check for response: if the victim does not respond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first rescuer stays with the victim and performs CPR until the AED arrives. • The second rescuer activates the emergency response system and gets the AED. (Either rescuer may operate the AED once it arrives.)
2	<p>Open airway: head tilt–chin lift.</p>
3	<p>Check for breathing: provide breathing if needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look, listen, and feel for breaths. • If not breathing, give 2 breaths using appropriate barrier device.
4	<p>Check for pulse: if pulse not definitely felt in 5 to 10 seconds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform chest compressions and prepare to attach the AED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The first rescuer starts chest compressions while the second rescuer prepares to use the AED. – Remove or move clothing covering the victim's chest to allow rescuers to provide chest compressions and apply the AED electrode pads.
5	<p>Attempt defibrillation with the AED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the AED arrives, place it at the victim's side near the rescuer who will be operating it. The AED is usually placed on the side of the victim opposite the rescuer who is performing CPR (Figure 21). <p>There are 2 exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a child who suffered an unwitnessed, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, complete 5 cycles (or about 2 minutes) of CPR before attaching and using the AED. • For an adult who suffered an unwitnessed, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and with EMS call-to-arrival interval greater than 4 to 5 minutes, EMS personnel may complete 5 cycles (or about 2 minutes) of CPR before attaching and using the AED.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POWER ON the AED (Figure 22) and follow voice prompts. Some devices will turn on when the AED lid or carrying case is opened. • ATTACH the AED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Select the correct pads for the victim's size and age (adult vs child), and/or turn a key or switch to deliver a child shock dose if appropriate. – Peel the backing from the pads. – ATTACH the adhesive pads to the bare skin of the victim's chest (Figure 23). – Attach the electrode cable to the AED (if not preconnected). • Allow the AED to ANALYZE the victim's rhythm (clear the victim before analysis) (Figure 24). • Deliver a SHOCK if needed (clear the victim before shock) (Figure 25). • If no shock is needed and after any shock delivery, resume CPR beginning with chest compressions (Figure 26).