

## AED Defibrillator Ready Kit



### Description

During a recent Broadspectrum Red Cross first aid refresher at the Redclyffe sub-station a staff member obtained the existing AED Defibrillator from the nearby substation to compare with the training unit the Red Cross instructor was using. At this point the instructor pointed out that the AED should contain a razor to remove any body hair that could potentially affect the AED operation by restricting the pads from making sound electrical contact with the patients skin area.

In addition to this the AED should also contain a set of scissors enabling the First Aid responder to cut through patients outer clothes in an emergency situation.

### Outcome

- Red Cross advised they have available an AED, Ready Kit that contains the the above equipment along with several other essential items packages into a suitable bag that could be stored alongside the AED
- AED – Ready Kits have now been purchased and trialed in the substations AED's in the NS7 (Hawkes Bay Area)
- The need for Ready Kits (or equivalent) had been reviewed by the Health and Safety Team and their use has been endorsed for the entire Transpower AED network.
- Any future purchases of AED's need to check that razor and scissors are included, if not purchase DeFib Ready kits as well.

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