

# Risk Management Alert



## Community Use of AEDs

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### NYS S.7424/A.366A Legislation – Youth Sports AED Legislation

NYS passed the above captioned legislation in 2023, which becomes effective on May 24, 2024. This legislation requires Youth Sports Leagues to establish automated external defibrillator, or AED, implementation plans and to have at least one person trained to properly use the AED at camps, games, and practices.

Member districts have started to receive facility use requests to include access to District AEDs for some youth sports leagues using outdoor District facilities. Allowing outside groups using outdoor facilities to access spare or AEDs permanently installed inside buildings significantly increases the district's exposure and vulnerability to litigation and reputation risk. Additionally, it adds the potential for these devices to be lost, stolen, misplaced or damaged.

The legislation clearly indicates the responsibility for compliance falls on the Youth Sports League. It is their responsibility to file an AED Implementation Plan with the County Health Department, much like schools had to do when their AED programs were initially implemented and to have at least one person trained to use AEDs while using District facilities. The onus here falls on these leagues and **NOT** on districts to fulfill their obligations.

To this end, NYSIR Risk Management recommends the following:

- Youth groups and leagues using outdoor facilities should not be allowed access to spare District AEDs or permanently installed internal AEDs when utilizing District fields.

Facility use requests for internal facilities and for outdoor fields where the District/BOCES has existing AEDs provided in accessible locked cabinets are not subject to this restriction. These AEDs are provided for general access and may not be restricted. But in every circumstance, NYSIR recommends utilizing the attached AED Supplement Form with your Facility Use Form when youth groups and leagues request use of your outdoor facilities.

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