



To the ILCOR councils, National Resuscitation Councils,
AED manufacturers, public and governmental organisations

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) has unanimously approved the proposal by the ILCOR AED Signage Task Force of a universal sign indicating the presence of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

The sign has been designed in accordance with ISO 7010 for safety signs and shape. Colours and symbols are in accordance with ISO 3864-3. Its comprehensibility has been tested in accordance with ISO 9186-1, rev. 2007 and proved superior to alternative designs.

The sign is intended to indicate the presence of an AED, the localisation of an AED in a room, a container with an AED for public use, or to indicate the direction to follow in order to reach the AED. Its purpose is to assist in the rapid identification of an AED in cases of cardiac arrest.

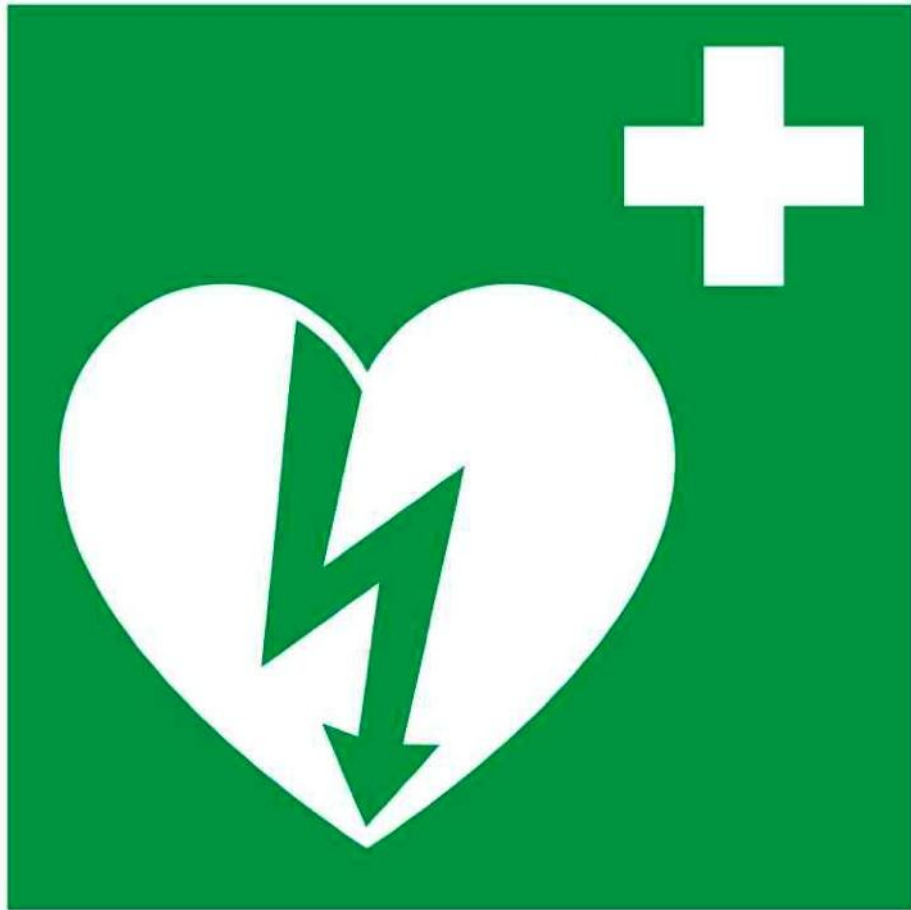
The sign may be combined with additional symbols or letters, such as an arrow or the letters 'AED' or equivalents in different languages. Use of the full text, 'defibrillator', is not encouraged for reasons of visibility from a distance. Several examples of possible variations are shown below.

It is the Task Force's intention that this sign be adopted worldwide by the national councils that together form ILCOR. It is hoped that the sign will also be adopted by all AED manufacturers for use with their products, and by manufacturers of signage. Public organisations and governments should encourage the use of this universal AED sign.

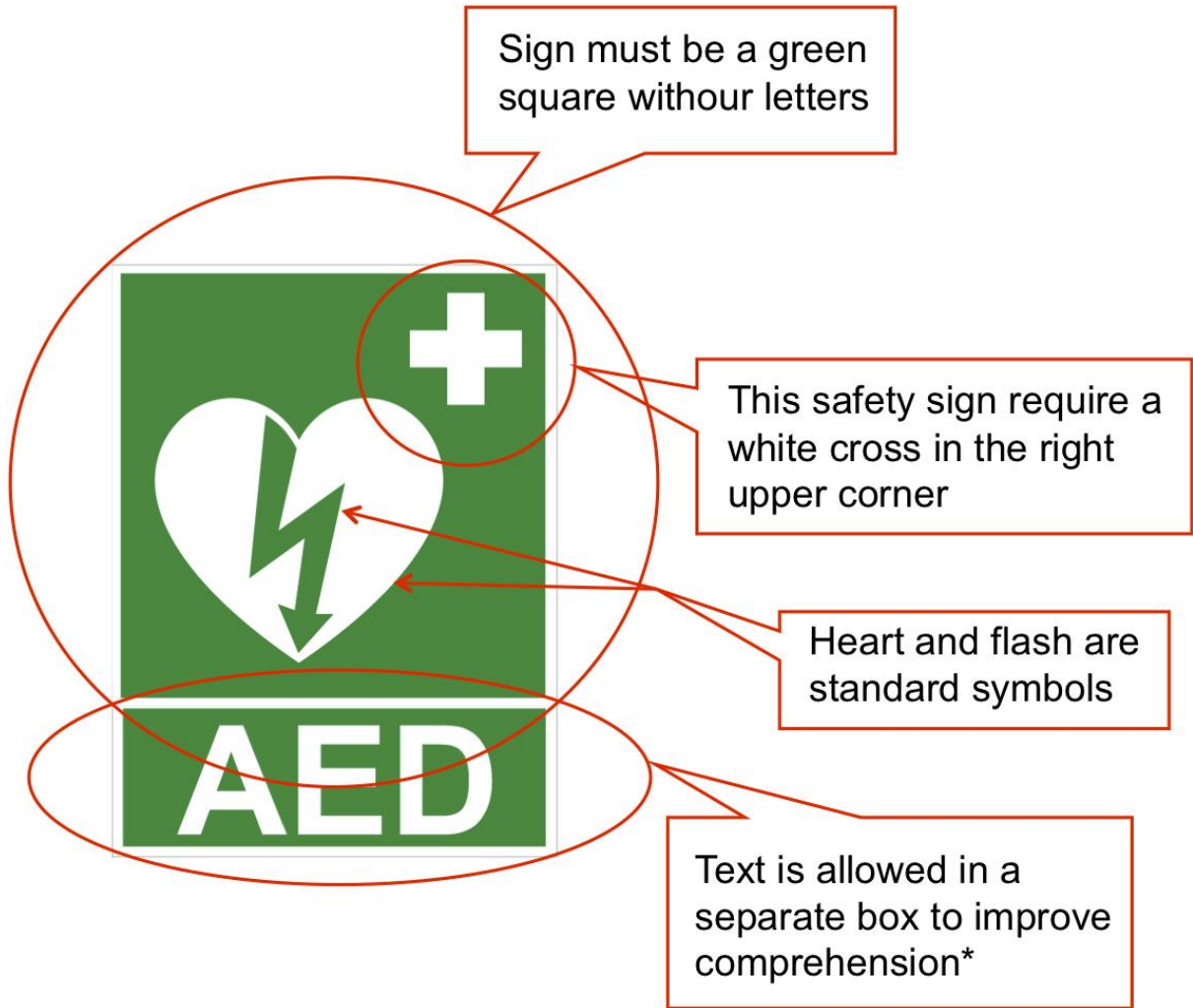
We hope that this universal AED sign will assist in the awareness of the existence of AEDs and their rapid deployment in cases of cardiac arrest.

On behalf of the ILCOR AED signage Task Force,

R.W. Koster, chairman



the universal ILCOR AED sign



France,
Portugal



Korea

*the color of the AED sign is standard color RAL 6032 (equivalent: RGB: 0-152-101; DIN 616421.7:6.5:4; Pantone 348C); the color in the text box slightly deviates due to a technical issue.



Possible combination with direction arrow

Size of the AED safety sign: there is, strictly speaking, no minimum or maximum size of a safety sign. The size is determined by the largest possible distance at which the sign must be readable and the light conditions: direct or indirect illumination, transparent signs with backlight, etc. The design principles for size and illumination are published by ISO 3864-1.