

# Check your defib – Guardian checklist

(Based on British Heart Foundation's Your guide to being a Defibrillator Guardian)



## Is the defibrillator registered on *The Circuit*?

Device is registered and Guardian contact details are up to date

Availability hours are correct

Checks and maintenance are logged (*The Circuit* provides reminders for expiry dates and checks)



## Is there a Guardian system in place?

A named Guardian is responsible for checks and alerts

A continuity plan exists for when the Guardian is absent



## Is the defibrillator rescue-ready?

Pads are in date, if a Guardian holds a spare set of pads, ensure these are also in date and available to replace the main set after an emergency

Pad packaging is sealed, intact, and pads are pre-connected

Battery is in date, with no low-battery warning showing (the device must have a low-battery indicator/alarm)

Status indicator shows self-test success / "OK" (device must indicate safe to use)



## Is the device visible, accessible and stored correctly?

Directional signage is clear and visible

The cabinet is suitably weather-protected and, if the cabinet has a heater, it is working properly

The cabinet is unlocked and easy to open, or if the cabinet is locked, the lock is working properly and the access code is registered on *The Circuit*

The cabinet is clean, dry and free from condensation

Only the defibrillator and essential accessories are stored inside (see accessory list below)



## Are all accessories present and in good condition?

Relevant accessories are present and ready to use:

Razor

Gloves

Paediatric key (if applicable)

Carry case

CPR face shield

