

# 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

