

POSITIONING YOUR AED CABINET

Before you can choose a cabinet location, it's essential that you understand the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines. The ADA Guidelines were established to ensure individuals with disabilities can access fire extinguishers, AED cabinets, and other safety devices.

Follow these guidelines when mounting an AED cabinet:

- Objects, including AED cabinets, should not protrude more than 4 inches into walkways, corridors, passageways, or aisles if the bottom edge is between 27 and 80 inches above the finished floor.
- For surface mount cabinets exceeding the 4-inch protrusion limit, the bottom edge should be mounted no higher than 27 inches above the floor.
- An alternative solution is to use a recessed cabinet that does not extend beyond the 4-inch limit.

Obstructions:

- Whether you choose to surface mount or recess mount your cabinet, make sure screws, bolts, and wall anchors will not penetrate electrical wires, pipes, conduit, or duct work inside the wall.
- The same holds true for power and hand tools such as saws and drills.

ADA Guidelines for handicapped accessibility:

- If a person in a wheelchair can only access the cabinet by facing it, the handle should be positioned no higher than 48 inches above the ground.
- If a person in a wheelchair can approach the cabinet from the side, the handle should be positioned no higher than 54 inches above the floor.

