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Follow these steps to take care of an AED:

- Learn about your AED and how it operates.
- Check the AED for any signs of problems, such as a broken case or other damage.
- Make sure that the *"Ready to use"* indicator on your AED is checked according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Take care of the AED according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Suggested contents for the AED carrying case include the following:

- 1 set of spare adult AED pads (2 total)
- 1 or 2 sets of child AED pads if appropriate
- 1 or 2 masks with 1-way valves (1 adult and 1 pediatric if appropriate)
- 1 extra battery if recommended by the manufacturer (some AEDs have long-lasting batteries)
- 1 prep razor
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 absorbent cloth towel
- Gloves

Remember: AEDs usually work very well. Most reported problems are caused by improper use or maintenance of the AED.
