

# COMPLIANCE NEWS

## How to Determine if Your AED is Semi or Fully Automatic?

Each model of AED machine looks the same, however, the shock button will be different between a semi automatic and fully automatic AED. Semi automatic AEDs have a shock button that can be pressed to deliver the shock. Fully automatic AEDs will have labeling, such as AUTO or AUTOMATIC, indicating that the AED is automatic.

It is helpful to know whether your AED is either semi automatic or fully automatic. Either way, the aED will guide the rescuer through the proper steps of operation during a rescue.

### IMPORTANT:

Please refer to your companies' safety and AED manuals for specific AED instructions and protocols\*\*

Contact Cardio Partners for further assistance with your AED at 866-599-2337

## SEMI AUTOMATIC vs FULLY AUTOMATIC AEDs

All AEDs machines are great at prompting a rescuer through the steps of CPR, and placing the pads from the AED machine onto the victim. These instructions are very clear and precise on any AED machine in the market today. All AEDs will also analyze the victim's heart rhythm and determine whether a shock is needed/advised. However, there is a slight difference in the way that the AED will deliver the shocks to the victim, if shocks are advised. We have described these differences below:

### SEMI AUTOMATIC AED

A semi automatic AED will advise the rescuer that a shock is advised, to make sure that the scene is clear, and no one is touching the victim. The AED will then prompt the rescuer to press the shock button on the AED to deliver the shock to the victim.

### FULLY AUTOMATIC AED

A fully automatic AED will advise the rescuer that a shock is advised, to make sure that the scene is clear, and no one is touching the victim. The AED will then count down for when the shock will be delivered to the victim. There is no action needed by the rescuer to deliver the shock.

