

DEFIBRILLATOR NOT FUNCTIONING



When and where this incident occurred:
7 March 2019, Nga Awa Purua power station.

Brief description of incident:

When replacing the defibrillator pads, the device's status indicator was checked for 'OK' – this status did not show. Pulled the battery pack out, checked the expiry date, and saw it had expired in December 2014.

A replacement battery pack was immediately ordered and upon arrival, installed. The defibrillator was tested by running through a battery check – status is 'OK'.

Immediate actions required:

- Check the status of your site defibrillator(s), and confirm it is operating correctly. Depending on the model of your device, this is usually done by checking the status indicator (as above), or turning the device on and letting it run through its start-up / self-test cycle.
- Check the expiry date on the battery pack, to confirm it is still in-date. Note - some packs have a 9-volt auxiliary battery too – check this as well. Replace if required.
- If you are holding a spare battery pack, check the date on this, too.
- Check the expiry dates on the electrode pads, to confirm they are still in-date. Replace if required.
- Check that other consumables that may be required during a cardiac emergency are readily available e.g. scissors (to remove clothing) and disposable razors (to remove excess body hair) etc.
- To replace the above, or to get help if your device is not working, contact your defibrillator provider.
- Check that the site process in place to test your defibrillator is working effectively (e.g. a Maximo PM, an MS Outlook task etc.).
- Update your [site defibrillator maintenance records in the Mercury register](#).

For further information about this safety notification, please refer to Synergi Life incident [#16231](#), or contact Keith Bartlett in the Health & Safety team.

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Please discuss this Safety Alert with workers at your next tool box or team meeting