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Some AEDs can deliver a smaller shock dose for children if you use child pads or a child key or switch. If the AED can deliver this smaller shock dose, use it for children 1 to 8 years of age. If the AED cannot give a child shock dose, you can use the adult pads and give an adult shock dose for children 1 to 8 years of age.

For victims 8 years of age and older, always use the larger adult pads and adult shock dose—DO NOT use child pads or a child shock dose for a victim 8 years of age and older. You should know how to operate the AED in your workplace and know if it can provide a child dose and how to deliver that shock dose for a child.

Victims 8 Years of Age and Older	Victims 1 to 8 Years of Age
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use only adult pads. • Do NOT use child pads or a child shock dose. • Follow manufacturer’s guidelines. • (Figure 1)  <p data-bbox="435 1522 873 1556">Figure 1. Adult AED pad package</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use child pads or child key or switch. If the AED cannot give a child shock dose, you can use the adult pads and give an adult shock dose. (Make sure adult pads do not touch each other.) • If the AED has a child key or switch that will deliver a child shock dose, turn the key or switch to deliver a child dose. • Follow manufacturer’s guidelines. • (Figure 2)  <p data-bbox="938 1806 1377 1839">Figure 2. Child AED pad package</p>