AEDs (automated external defibrillators) located in most buildings on campus may emit “chirping” sounds. The “chirps” indicate a problem with the unit such as the need for a battery replacement or a failure internally. Please review the description of the “chirps” below and view the instructional video here.

The Philips AEDs perform an automatic self-test every day and a battery insertion self-test run whenever a battery is installed in the device. On occasion, the unit may emit a “chirp” or a series of “3 chirps:

- If the unit emits a series of single “chirps”, a battery or pads may need to be replaced.
- If the unit emits a series of triple “chirps”, an internal error has been detected and the unit may not function properly.

Contact Campus Safety at 610-409-3333 immediately if an AED is “chirping”. If you have any questions, contact Carol McMillin at 610-409-3221.