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UNIDENTIFIED: Yeah, we're here today to let you know about this little device. This is a (inaudible) external defibrillator. This little machine is able to save lives, a lot of Canadian lives, and we're very pleased today to say that in this very rink (inaudible) beside us, Robin Biggs here had a cardiac arrest that was about 16 months ago, and a device like this saved his life. Essentially what this is two paddles to put on your chest, connect it to this. It's an automated thing. It talks to you, tells you if it is appropriate to deliver a shot to try and restart the heart. Essentially this is used when the sort of electrical system inside the heart sort of short circuits. The pumping stops, the person collapses. You put this on their chest immediately, and if they need it, you press that button and things start to work again. And so very important that we see that these devices are there. Robin, you can tell us how you feel about it.

ROBIN BIGGS (Heart attack survivor): It's very important to have it quite accessible (inaudible) have one on location does save lives.

UNIDENTIFIED: Yeah, these are small things. We'd like to see, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, we believe that these should be as accessible as fire extinguishers are, so pretty well every building, every site would have one so that if someone goes down, we've got a device to bring them back to life. And it's important in hockey, because Robin was playing at the time. It can occur to spectators. It can occur in anyone. And so we feel that this is one of the most important things we can do to save Canadian lives. And Prime Minister, can you comment...

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER (Prime Minister of Canada): Well, we're going to have them eventually in every rink in the

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country. So that's what we're talking about today. And to train people through the Heart and Stroke Foundation to use them. The record is without these things, when there's a cardiac arrest on the ice, and it happens all too frequently, the loss of life is very high, and when we have them and people know how to use them, the saving of lives is a much higher percentage.

UNIDENTIFIED: In fact, there are 40,000 events of cardiac arrest a year in Canada. That's one every 12 minutes across the country, and so you can see the importance of this.

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: As I told you guys, I don't play regularly. I'm going to mention it later. As I tell our Conservative hockey team when I coach them sometimes, very careful as you get older and you play this game. This is a game, I always tell people, this is a game you play because you're in shape. It is not a game you play to get in shape. It's very hard on the heart. It's very high risk. And as you get older and you're not a hundred percent in shape, don't do things you did when you were young.

UNIDENTIFIED: Yeah, use it or lose it, they say. So keep playing.

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: Yeah, absolutely. Want to get the whole group together here?

UNIDENTIFIED: Sure, you guys want to spin around?

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