



Syracuse University Environmental Health and Safety Services

Guidance Document for Weekly Testing of Eyewashes

Syracuse University has over 350 emergency eyewashes that are installed in areas where there is a potential risk of a splash to the eyes or face from a corrosive chemical. It is important to know where the eyewash is located and ensure that it is working properly whenever you use corrosive chemicals.



Environmental Health and Safety Services (EHSS) inspects each emergency eyewash once a year to verify proper function. If a problem is identified, a notice is posted at the eyewash and Campus Facilities is notified to make repair(s). The designated area representative is notified as well.

During the rest of the year it is essential that area personnel periodically test the eyewash to verify its function. Periodic testing of the eyewash will help prevent the accumulation of scale/sedimentation in the pipes supplying water to the eyewash.

If you have an emergency eyewash in your work area it is recommended that you test the eyewash weekly by running the eyewash water for several minutes each time.

Operating an eyewash will not sound or trigger alarms. Only emergency showers trigger alarms when operated. Please do not operate an emergency shower unless it is an emergency.

The person assigned to test the eyewash weekly should verify:

- that there is adequate water flow
- that the water pattern is equally distributed
- the equipment is free of broken or missing parts
- the pathway to the unit is clear from obstructions
- that the water is clear at the end of the activation

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EMERGENCY EYEWASH INSPECTION RECORD		
DEVICE #		
DATE	BY	RESULT

NOTICE
Activate eyewash
weekly for several
minutes.

If any problems with the eyewash are identified, please contact Campus Facilities for repair at 315-443-1234 or <http://facilities.syr.edu/>.

The video at the following link provides an example of adequate water flow and equal distribution:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ip_jwN54V0

If you have any questions about the eye wash in your work area please contact EHSS at 315-443-4132.

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