



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS

Emergency Eyewash/Shower Overview & Inspections

Emergency eyewashes/showers should be available in work locations where, during routine operations, the eyes or face of the worker is at risk of splashing, spraying or spattering of hazardous material that can result in severe irritation, corrosion, tissue damage or which can be toxic when absorbed. Refer to the materials Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for exposure risk.

Every affected worker should be trained on the locations of emergency eyewashes in each building and area where they perform work. Every worker should also be trained on how to use the emergency eyewashes in his or her work area.

Monthly Inspections

Monthly inspections of the emergency eyewashes/showers located across campus buildings is inspected and noted by the CSUDH plumbing shop. These include Eyewashes and safety showers that both inside working spaces and exterior ones located by the physical plant. Tags are marked monthly and left at the location. In some instances, where showers/eyewashes are exposed to the elements, the inspection record is placed in a protective container such as a PVC pipe. These inspections should include the following:

- Ensure access is unobstructed.
- Verify protective eyewash covers are properly positioned, clean, and intact.
- Check that bowl and spouts are clean and free of trash.
- Place a dishpan or bucket under the drainpipe (specifically when water can damage drywall or other building material) to collect the water.
- Check that flow is effective and continuous by pressing the hand paddle.
 - Verify that protective eyewash covers come off when activated.
 - Check that water flows from both eyepieces.
 - Evaluate for adequate flow. The streams of water should cross.
 - Verify that flow continues until the paddle is moved to its resting position.
- Check that water drains from the bowl.
- Document the inspection date and initial.
- Some emergency eyewashes swing out from beside the sink and have no paddle to engage the water flow. These are activated immediately when you pull them down or over. Safety Showers will have a separate pull handle and will need to be tested at the same time on all combination units.