



EMERGENCY WASH STATIONS

are placed in facilities where exposure to chemicals or flying debris can be harmful to the eyes or skin. Wash stations can be found as either an emergency shower, emergency eye wash, or combination. Some showers may be in communal hallways. Eye washes can be found in multiple forms including: a faucet attachment, mounted on the counter next to a sink, squeeze bottles with a solution, or as part of a shower station. The type of emergency wash station is determined based on the chemical or debris hazards present. Prior to starting work, orient yourself to the hazards in your workplace and the physical or digital location of the SDS (safety data sheet) book, when chemicals are present. The SDS shares important chemical information, including first aid measures and required/recommended personal protective equipment (PPE). Always wear required PPE to lower the risk of injury.

USING THE WASH STATION:

- Prior to work, review the hazards in the work area to be familiar with necessary first aid measures and know the locations of the emergency wash areas.
- Begin washing within 10 seconds and **wash for at least 15 minutes while holding eyelids open**. If present, remove contact lenses.
- If exposed to a chemical, then contact your supervisor.
- In a medical emergency, call **911**. It will be helpful to have a copy of the SDS.

EYEWASH MAINTENANCE

- **EHS is responsible for** the annual testing of eyewashes/safety showers and submitting repair tickets to CPM.
- **Space users are responsible for weekly flushes** of eyewashes.
 - Run the water for at least 30 seconds to flush out sediment and bacteria
 - Observe the water flow. Is it high enough to effectively wash eyes? If two nozzles are present, is there an even flow between them?
 - Verify that the temperature of the water is tepid/lukewarm.

WHAT TO DO!

- Know the location and how to use emergency wash stations!
- Complete an [Injury Report](#) if there has been chemical exposure!
- Always wear required PPE!
- Notify your supervisor if the wash stations are not flushed weekly.
- Direct additional questions to EHS (541-346-3192).



Know the location of the emergency wash stations in your work area!



Perform weekly flushes of the eyewash station!



Wear PPE to lower potential of injury!

