

Emergency Eyewash Stations and Safety Showers

Emergency eyewash stations and safety showers are necessary emergency/first aid tools for laboratories utilizing chemicals hazardous to human eyes or skin. Eyewash stations are also required for biological hazards.

Eyewash stations:

- Must be checked weekly by lab personnel
- Require a log sheet for documenting weekly tests
- Any malfunction, including water flow blockage/reduction, unusually high water flow, and water temperature anomalies (too cold or too hot) must be reported
- All lab researchers must be trained on location, use, and limitations of eyewash stations
- Path of access to eyewash stations shall be free from obstructions
- In case of exposure, eyes must be flushed for at least 15-minutes

Resources:

- [Emergency eyewash fact sheet](#) • [Eyewash weekly test log sheet](#)

Safety showers:

- Must be inspected and tested at least annually by JSNN EHS
- All lab researchers must be trained on location, use, and limitations
- Path of access to safety showers shall be free from obstructions
- In case of exposure, skin must be flushed for at least 15-minutes
- Safety showers are also an emergency tool for extinguishing burning clothing

Resources:

- [Emergency safety shower fact sheet](#)