

**OVERVIEW OF FACT SHEET**

The purpose of this fact sheet is to describe how emergency eyewashes and safety showers are inspected to ensure they are suitable for emergency use.



**What is the regulatory requirement for eyewashes and safety showers?**

The primary regulation is contained in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.151, which requires that... "...where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use."



If you have any questions, please contact the [Environmental Health and Safety Office](#) at 704-687-1111. We are available to assist you.

# Eyewash and Safety Shower Activation Inspection

**Performing Eyewash Inspections**

- Make sure the pathway and area around the eyewash is clear of obstruction.
- Check for the eyewash signage and make sure it is still visible.
- Make sure there are no leaks and the handles are attached.
- Make sure nothing is stacked on the eyewash station.
- Run water for 5-10 seconds or until the water is clear.
- Initial tag and if the tag is full replace with a new tag.
- Date tag (month/year)

**Performing Safety Shower Inspections**

- Make sure the pathway and area around the safety shower is clear of obstruction.
- Check for the safety shower signage and make sure it is still visible.
- Make sure there are no leaks and the handles are attached.
- Run water for 5-10 seconds or until the water is clear.
- Initial tag and if the tag is full replace with a new tag.
- Date tag (month/year)

**Activation Inspection Tag and Signage Examples:**

Inspection Tag



Date	Initials	Comments
01/18	JR	
02/18	JR	
03/18	JR	
04/18	JR	Removed Storage in front
05/18	JR	
06/18	JR	
07/18	JR	
08/18	JR	
09/18	JR	
10/18	JR	pathway cleared
11/18	JR	
12/18	JR	

Eye Wash Signage



Shower Signage



**Eyewash / Safety Shower Failed Inspections or Emergency Situations**

- Please tag the eyewash or safety shower out of service and contact the Facilities Management Department if it fails inspection or needs repair.