

# Emergency Eyewash Function Testing Procedure

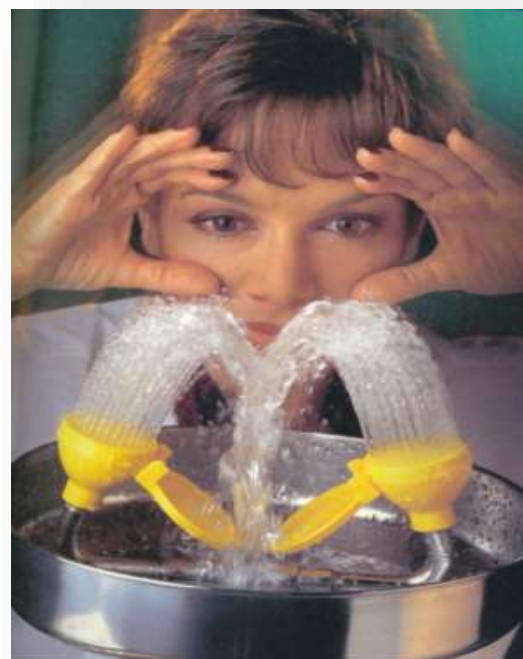
Routine function testing helps ensure emergency eyewashes and safety showers in your work areas are operational and ready to use in the event of an emergency situation involving exposure to hazardous substances in the eyes and/or skin. Routine function tests also help ensure that Provincial Occupational Health and Safety testing requirements are being met by those in direct control of a work area.

The following procedure outlines the steps for weekly function testing of emergency eyewash stations.

If you have questions about this procedure, please call Safety Resources at 306-966-4675.

## **FUNCTION TESTING OF EMERGENCY EYEWASH STATIONS – WEEKLY EXERCISING**

1. **Look for any obstructions** (e.g. boxes, chairs, laboratory equipment) that may impede individuals from accessing or using the safety eyewash. Ensure that any, and all, obstructions are removed.
2. **Perform a visual inspection** looking for plugged nozzles, broken eyewash caps, cracked bowls, broken levers, etc. Record any deficiencies observed in the log sheet provided.
3. Slowly activate the eyewash until the water streams are at an adequate height to flush both eyes. Observe the streams, **water should run clear** after a few seconds.
4. The water streams from both nozzles **should be symmetrical** (see picture). If one stream flows stronger or weaker than the other, or the overall pressure appears too low or too high, record this information on the log sheet.
5. Feel the temperature of the water. It **should be lukewarm**, approximately 25° C. If it appears to run too hot or too cold, or if it is not clear, then record this information on the log sheet.
6. **Let the eyewash run for two or three minutes**, shut off the eyewash. Use a timer if desired. This will help ensure the valves in the system do not become calcified.
7. Replace the covers. **Record the date, condition and initial the log sheet** (not on hanging tag).
8. **If deficiencies are observed, then notify the FMD Zone Manager for the building**; then, if directed call the Facilities Management Division (FMD) Customer Service Centre at 306-966-4496 or by email at: <http://facilities.usask.ca/> to initiate a work request to repair the eyewash.
9. There is no cost to have the eyewash examined and/or repaired.



LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Eyewash    Shower    Combo Unit

Date:	Condition:	Initial:	Date:	Condition:	Initial: