



# Emergency Eyewash Flushing Procedure

Routine flushing of eyewashes and showers helps ensure proper function in the event of an emergency situation. Routine function tests also help ensure that *Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety* testing requirements are being met.

## Perform the following steps WEEKLY

- ✓ **Remove obstructions**
  - Ensure that the eyewash is easily accessible by removing any object that impedes access to the eyewash (e.g. chairs, cardboard boxes, stepstools, etc.)
- ✓ **Visually inspect the eyewash components**
  - Call Customer Care Centre (306-966-4496) to request maintenance (e.g. old / plugged nozzles; broken eyewash caps; cracked bowls; broken levers, etc.)
  - Record any deficiencies observed in the log sheet (reverse side)
- ✓ **Activate the eyewash**
  - Activate slowly to avoid spattering
  - Run full flush height and allow to run for 2-3 minutes
- ✓ **Observe water stream(s)**
  - Streams from two-spout systems should be symmetrical (arches of water meeting in the middle)
  - Water should run clear / free of debris
- ✓ **Note water temperature**
  - It should be lukewarm (~ 25° C).
  - Call Customer Care Centre (306-966-4496) to request maintenance if it appears to run too hot or too cold.
  - Record information on the log sheet (reverse side)
- ✓ **Record all information on testing log (reverse side)**
  - Record the date, all observed conditions and include your initials.
- ✓ **Contact Facilities for maintenance / repairs (if required)**
  - To request maintenance or repair, call the Customer Care Centre at 306-966-4496 or request service online: <http://facilities.usask.ca/>
  - There is no cost associated with eyewash repairs or routine maintenance.

**Contact Safety Resources (306-966-4675 or [safetyresources@usask.ca](mailto:safetyresources@usask.ca)) if you have any questions.**

