

Function Testing Emergency Safety Showers

The majority of safety showers located in common areas, such as hallways, are wired so that a local area alarm will sound when activated. Also, a signal will be sent immediately to Central Controls, Facilities Management during regular business hours (after hours, the signal is sent to Protective Services).

Before testing a common area shower, wired in this fashion (see below):

During working hours (Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm):

1. **Contact Facilities Central Controls** (306-966-8813) and inform them that the shower is to be tested. Provide the building and location of the shower (e.g. in the hall across from room 123);
2. If Central Controls does not answer the phone, contact Facilities Customer Service Desk at 306-966-4496 and provide them with your name, building, location of the shower, and let them know the time duration of the test;
3. Once the test has been completed, contact Central Controls or Facilities Customer Service Desk, and indicate that testing is finished.

After hours (evenings and weekends):

Contact Protective Services Dispatch (306-966-5555) and provide them with the same information as above.



Testing Procedure:

1. Look for any obstructions (e.g. boxes, chairs, laboratory equipment) that may impede individuals from accessing or using the safety shower. Ensure that any, and all, obstructions are removed.
2. Perform a visual inspection looking for plugged nozzles, broken levers, etc. Record any deficiencies observed in the log sheet provided.
3. Put the shower curtain around the showerhead and let it drape into the pail below.
4. Pull the handle on the shower for 5 seconds. An audible area alarm should be heard. If the alarm is not heard, record this information on the log sheet.
5. Push the handle up to stop the flow of water. Check water for sediment. If sediment is present, run the shower for another 5 seconds to flush out sediment.
6. Feel the temperature of the water. It should be lukewarm, approximately 25°C. If it appears to run too hot or too cold, record this information on the log sheet.
7. Dispose of the water in the pail down the sanitary sewer.
8. Record the date and time, the function test was performed, and sign the log sheet.
9. If deficiencies were observed, call the Facilities Customer Service Centre at 306-966-4496 to request service. An initiated request service can also be initiated online through the FMD website, <http://facilities.usask.ca/>.

There is no cost to the client to have the safety shower examined and/or repaired.

