

Emergency Eyewash Testing

Principal Investigators (PI) and Laboratory Directors are responsible for ensuring that the emergency eyewash stations located in their laboratories are inspected and tested weekly. Testing of emergency eyewashes located in hallways or outside buildings is the responsibility of the department located in the area or having the laboratory nearest to the unit. Eyewashes should be inspected weekly and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions, which may include but is not limited to:



- Ensuring access is unobstructed.
- Verifying protective eyewash covers are appropriately positioned, clean, and intact.
- Checking that the bowl and spouts are clean and free of trash.
- Placing a pan or bucket under non-plumbed drainpipes to collect water during flushing.
- Checking that flow is sufficient and continuous by activating the unit (pushing the paddle or foot pedal).
- Verifying that protective eyewash covers come off when the eyewash is activated.
- Checking that water flows from both eyepieces.
- Evaluating for adequate flow based on manufacturer's instructions.
- Verifying that flow continues until deactivation or according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Checking that water drains from the bowl.
- Documenting the inspection and performance test

UAB Maintenance periodically tests emergency safety showers. Report problems with eyewash stations or safety showers to UAB Maintenance: campus maintenance at 4-5355; hospital maintenance at (205) 934-6181.

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Weekly Testing of Eye-Wash Station

Instructions:

Place date and initials of inspector/tester besides the appropriate week, indicating that the emergency eyewash was inspected and tested; one form per eyewash unit.

Lab Location:

Week	Week
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