
Eyewash Safety Guide

Know where your PPE is located and use it whenever you are working with hazardous chemicals!

- Make sure that everyone who works in the area knows where the emergency eyewash and shower equipment is located and how to use it.
- Test the eyewash weekly by running the water for at least 3 minutes. This will ensure that there is sufficient water flow and no sediment build-up in the plumbing lines. (See UCH Eye Wash Policy on the HUB)
- Check any eyewash bottles weekly for expiration date. Discard any opened bottles.
- Contact Support Services at 8-8351 if your eyewash is not working.
- Always use the proper PPE when working with chemicals.
- In case of a chemical splash to your eyes:
 - Immediately flush skin or eyes with water. **DO NOT RUB!**
 - Hold your eyelids open with your hands and roll your eyes while using the eyewash to be sure water reaches the eyes and under your eyelids.
 - Keep your eyes in the water stream for 15 minutes.
 - Don't let contaminated water run into the non-contaminated eye.
 - Immediately wash off even small amounts of chemicals.
 - Seek medical assistance immediately following flushing.
 - If possible, continue flushing while on way to medical help.
- Know the effects of chemicals with which you are working. Read, ask questions about, and understand material safety data sheets for each chemical with which you work. Bring the MSDS with you when going for medical help!
- Know how to help others reach showers or eyewashes and how to help them get medical assistance.
- Complete an Accident Report for all chemical contamination incidents.