

EYEWASH STATIONS

Check the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations for detailed information.

1. Eyewash stations must be provided where a worker is exposed to a risk of eye injury caused by contact with a biological, chemical or other harmful substance to the eyes.
2. All employees, professors, students, volunteers, and visitors must be instructed in the location and proper use of eyewash stations.
3. Faculties and services (specifically, area and lab supervisors) must ensure that eyewash stations are working properly and inspected **every week (for tepid water) and every month (for cold water)**. The **inspection checklist** (on page 2 of this document) must be used to inspect the eyewash station and must be signed, dated, and kept as a record of the inspection.
4. Facilities will perform a complete maintenance service of each eyewash station, including flow, spray pattern, volume, valve, etc., **every 12 months**, and records of these inspections must be kept.
5. Eyewash stations must be installed within 10 seconds' travel along an unobstructed path from the location of the hazard.
6. Eyewash stations must be installed and used according to their manufacturer specifications.
7. Eyewash stations must be identified with a highly visible sign.
8. Eyewash stations must be easily accessible at all times.
9. The area around all eyewash stations shall be well-lit.
10. Current eyewash stations operate with water from the main cold water supply for each building. New eyewash installations will use tepid water.
11. Spray patterns and flow rates must meet the guidelines specified in ANSI Z358.1-2014.
12. Stay-open valves must be in place and operable to allow an individual to use both hands to hold eyes open or to remove clothing (hands-free operation).
13. Wastewater from stations should not create a hazard (i.e., slips and falls, floods, etc.)
14. Where feasible or required, drains should be provided. If drainage is provided, drain piping should be connected to the building's sewer system.
15. Installation of new eyewash or face wash stations must meet or exceed the requirements of ANSI Z358.1-2014. Basins and "mushroom type" faucets are recommended.

This eyewash is served by water that is: Tepid Cold

This eyewash station must be tested: Weekly Monthly

