

INFORMATION SHEET # 2

EYEWASH STATIONS

Consult the Industrial Establishment Regulations under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act for detailed information and specific requirements and restrictions.

1. Eyewash stations must be provided where a worker is exposed to a potential hazard of injury to the eye due to contact with a biological or chemical substance.
2. Instruct all employees, professors, students, volunteers and visitors in the location and proper use of eye/face washes.
3. Eyewash stations must be checked for flow by the faculties weekly. The records of these inspections must be kept.
4. Eyewash stations will receive full maintenance every 12 months (flow, spray, volume, valve, etc.). The records of these inspections must be kept.
5. Eyewash stations must be installed within 10 seconds of a hazard and with an unobstructed travel path.
6. Eyewash stations must be installed and used according to manufacturer's specifications.
7. Identify eyewash station locations with highly visible signs.
8. Eyewash stations must be easily accessible at all times.
9. Area around eyewash stations shall be well lit.
10. Eyewash stations will operate with water supplied from the main water supply for each building.
11. Spray jet patterns and flow rates will operate within ANSI specified guidelines.
12. Stay-open valves must be in place and be operable to allow an individual to use both hands to hold eyes open or remove clothing (if required).
13. Wastewater from stations should not create a hazard.
14. Drains should be provided where feasible and/or required.
15. When possible, construction and operation of eye/face wash stations must meet or exceed the requirements of ANSI Z358.1-2004.