



SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

NUMBER 22.0 – EMERGENCY SHOWERS & EYEWASH STATIONS

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1.0 **PURPOSE:**

To minimize the risk of an injury at Signature facilities by providing emergency showers and eyewash stations and to comply with ANSI Z358.1-2014 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.151 (c).

2.0 **POLICY:**

Signature will provide emergency showers and eyewash stations at each of its facilities where one's eyes or body may be exposed to injurious materials such as corrosives.

3.0 **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. It is the responsibility of the **Facility Leader** to ensure compliance with this procedure in its entirety.
- B. It is the responsibility of all **Employees** to follow the requirements of this procedure.

3.0 **PROCEDURE:**

- A. Emergency showers shall be capable of delivering flushing fluid at a minimum of 20 gallons per minute for 15 minutes. Eyewash stations shall be capable of delivering flushing fluid at a minimum of 0.4 gallons (1.5L) per minute for 15 minutes.
- B. If shut-off valves are installed on an emergency eyewash station or an emergency shower – provisions shall be made to prevent unauthorized or accidental shutoff.
- C. Emergency showers shall provide a column of fluid that is at least 82" but no more than 96" in height from the surface where the user stands. Emergency showers shall have a spray pattern with a minimum diameter of 20" at 60" above the surface where the user stands. The center of the spray pattern must be at least 16" from any obstruction.
- D. Emergency showers and eyewash stations shall be designed, manufactured, and installed in such a manner that, once activated, they can be used without requiring the use of the operator's hands.
- E. Emergency showers and eyewash stations shall be constructed of materials that will not corrode.
- F. Emergency showers and eyewash stations shall be activated/tested weekly to verify operation and flush the lines. Such weekly test shall be documented using the attached form. Such form, when complete, shall be retained in a safety notebook at the facility. See Attachment A – Weekly Emergency Shower / Eyewash Station Inspection Form.
- G. All employees who may be exposed to hazardous materials shall be instructed in the location and proper use of emergency showers and eyewash stations.
- H. Nozzles on emergency eyewash stations shall be protected from contaminants. The removal of such protection shall **not** require separate motion by the operator when activating the unit.
- I. Eyewash stations shall provide flushing fluid to both eyes simultaneously. Such station shall be designed to provide enough room to allow the eyelids to be held open with the hands while the eyes are in the flushing fluid stream.
- J. Emergency showers and eyewash stations shall be located within 10 seconds or 55 feet of the exposure hazard with direct (unobstructed) access for any individual that may be exposed to injurious materials.



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- K. Employees failing to comply with this procedure will be disciplined in accordance with normal progressive disciplinary procedures for the facility.

5.0 ATTACHMENT / FORMS:

A – Weekly Emergency Shower / Eyewash Station Inspection Form

6.0 PROCEDURE HISTORY

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ATTACHMENT A - WEEKLY EMERGENCY SHOWER / EYEWASH STATION INSPECTION FORM

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YEAR: _____

LOCATION OR NUMBER: _____

EYEWASH STATION / EMERGENCY SHOWER

(Circle One)

THIS INSPECTION FORM SHALL BE POSTED AT THE EMERGENCY SHOWER / EYEWASH STATION BEING INSPECTED. EACH UNIT SHALL HAVE ITS OWN INSPECTION FORM

	Name	(Circle One)	Notes
WEEK 1	Date:	INSPECTED BY	PASS FAIL
WEEK 2	Date:	INSPECTED BY	PASS FAIL
WEEK 3	Date:	INSPECTED BY	PASS FAIL
WEEK 4	Date:	INSPECTED BY	PASS FAIL
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WEEK 52	Date:	INSPECTED BY	PASS FAIL

THE ABOVE INSPECTION INCLUDED AN ACTIVATION WHICH FLUSHED THE LINES AND INSPECTION OF NOZZLES/NOZZLE COVERS. ANY UNIT THAT DID NOT PASS INSPECTION SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY FIXED.

This form should be retained in the safety notebook at the facility for three (3) years after completion.