

## Safety Instructions

### Emergency Eyewash Testing




Where employees handle corrosive substances that could get into their eyes, eyewash stations must be provided. These stations must be tested regularly to ensure their proper function in case of emergency.


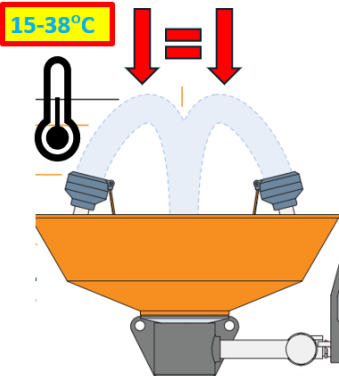



Proper function of an emergency eyewash includes:

- An unobstructed path; eyewash accessible within 10 seconds
- Installation meets manufacturer's requirements including criteria for water pressure, flow rate, and system testing.
- Water must flow for at least 15 minutes.
- Valves must remain open without the use of hands.
- Eyewash and shower stations must be clean, sanitary, and operating correctly; expired solutions must not be used in self-contained systems.

(OAR 437-002-0161, Medical and First Aid, and OAR 437-004-1305, Medical Services and First Aid)

### Instructions for weekly emergency eyewash testing:

1		➤ Test eyewash <b>weekly</b> .
2		➤ Check area around eyewash to make sure the path is <b>unobstructed and uncluttered</b> .
3		➤ Place a shield around the eyewash or a 5-gallon bucket under it, if water needs to be contained. Then <b>activate</b> the unit.

4		➤ Check to make sure the protective eyewash <b>covers come off</b> readily.
5		➤ Check to make sure water <b>flow is even</b> from both eyewash pieces, constant, at <b>appropriate pressure</b> , and has a <b>tepid water</b> temperature (15-38°C).
6		➤ Allow water to <b>run for a few minutes</b> and check that the drain works.
7		➤ Mark the <b>inspection tag</b> with the date and your name or initials.
8		➤ Report any problem to Facilities immediately to have it corrected.