



The University of Western Ontario Eyewash Inspection Program

Your lab was visited by: _____ Date: _____

The Eyewash Inspection Program has been developed in response to an inspection by the Ministry of Labour (MOL) who issued a directive test all eyewashes at the university to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard.

To comply with this directive, the ANSI standard requires eyewashes to be tested weekly by flushing to ensure that the unit has water and the water runs clear. This is to ensure that the supply line is free of sediment that could block the flow and to minimize microbial contamination due to sitting water.

This program is endorsed by the University Health and Safety Committee (UHSC) and requires laboratory personnel to perform the weekly testing of laboratory eyewashes and record the testing on the tag attached to the eyewash.

Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) staff has attached tags to all of the eyewashes in your lab. Please follow the procedure outlined below on this card.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining compliance with this requirement.

Please contact Anne Marie McCusker (ext 84741) amccuske@uwo.ca if you have any questions.

There are a number of styles of eyewashes that will require testing, these are primarily

- Floor/wall mounted with plumbed drain
- Floor/wall mounted without plumbed drain
- Eyewash/shower combination with plumbed drain
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- Fixed, sink mounted units
- Pull out, sink mounted units
- Tap mounted units

Testing Procedure

1. Ensure the area around the unit is free of obstacles
2. If no drain or sink is available, place a bucket or basin below the unit.
3. Activate the eyewash.
4. Flush for at least 3 minutes or until water runs clear.
5. Check that the flow is even
6. Sign, date and indicate pass or fail on the attached tag

If the eyewash is not working properly contact Physical Plant Work Control Centre at 83304