



University of New Haven

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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**UNH Safety Shower &
Eye Wash Policy**

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1.0 Policy Statement

The University of New Haven has developed an eye wash and safety shower inspection policy in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations.

1.1 Purpose and Scope

The University of New Haven has developed an eye wash and safety shower inspection policy and procedures to assure that all safety showers and eye wash stations on the campus are tested on a regular basis.

1.2 Review

The Associate Vice President of Public Safety will review and update this policy whenever necessary or at least annually.

All the elements of this policy are considered University of New Haven policy and may be enforced as such. Failure on the part of the employees to follow the policies and safety requirements of this Plan may result in disciplinary action.

2.0 Roles and Responsibilities

2.1 Associate Vice President of Public Safety

- Provide administrative support for this program.
- Review and revise the eye wash and safety shower inspection policy and procedure, as needed for compliance with applicable regulations.

2.2 Associate Vice President of Facilities

- Assure that facility department personnel complete inspections of eye wash and safety showers as outlined by this policy and procedure.
- Ensure deficiencies noted during inspection rounds are corrected in a timely manner.

2.3 Director of Facilities

- Assure that facility department personnel complete inspections of eye wash and safety showers as outlined by this policy and procedure.
- Ensure deficiencies noted during inspection rounds are corrected in a timely manner.

2.4 Facility Department Staff

- Properly complete the eye wash/safety shower inspection checklist as outlined in this policy and procedure.
- Properly document all deficiencies during routine inspection rounds and communicate with the Director of Facilities.

3.0 What are the Regulations?

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), requires within their regulations, as found in 29 CFR 1910.151 (c), that “where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use”.

4.0 Procedure for Eye Wash and Drench Hose Testing

On a monthly basis, the building and grounds department at the University of New Haven will perform an inspection and water flow test on each eye wash station on campus. The inspectors will initial and date the inspection tag that must be located on each eye wash station. In addition, the inspector shall complete an inspection form using the IMEC Safety Inspection Program for each eye wash station that

will be passed to the Associate Vice President of Public Safety. Eye wash/safety shower inspection forms are kept electronically through the IMEC inspection system. Records are available upon request.

- Weekly eye wash/drench hoses will be flushed by a member of the department in which the eye wash/drench hose is located. Flush shall be until water runs clear.

All noted deficiencies must be reported to the Associate Vice President of Public Safety and the Manager of Maintenance Operations at the time of discovery.

An inspection of each eye wash station shall include the following:

- Does the valve open in one second and stay open without assistance?
- Are nozzles protected from airborne contamination?
- Means of nozzle protection does not require separate motion for removal.
- Is the water transparent in color with no particles?
- Is the eye wash station unobstructed and able to be accessed without moving items?
- Is eye wash station signage visible from work areas?
- Is the inspection tag current and present during inspection?

A sample of the inspection tag found on each unit can be found below:

EMERGENCY SHOWER & EYE WASH TEST RECORD			
INSPECT THIS UNIT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING INSPECTION RECORD			
DATE	BY	DATE	BY

5.0 Procedure for Safety Shower Testing

Twice a year the building and grounds department at the University of New Haven will perform an inspection and water flow test on all safety showers on campus. The inspector must initialize and date the inspection tag that must be located on each safety shower. In addition, the inspector shall complete an inspection form using IMEC Safety Inspection Program for each safety shower that will be passed to the

Associate Vice President of Public Safety. Eye wash/safety shower inspection forms are kept electronically through the IMEC system. These records are available upon request.

All noted deficiencies must be reported to the Associate Vice President of Public Safety and the Manager of Maintenance Operations at the time of discovery.

A flow test will require the use of the University's safety shower testing kit that is kept in the building and grounds shop.

An inspection of each safety shower shall include the following:

- Does the valve open in one second and stay open without assistance?
- Is the water transparent in color with no particles?
- Does the water hit all side of the test tent (chute) at 60"?
- Is the floor to shower head base between 82 - 96"?
- Is the activator no higher than 69"?
- Is safety shower signage visible from work areas?
- Is the inspection tag current and present during inspection?