**Emergency Shower and Eye Wash**

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**Purpose**

This policy outlines the procedures and responsibilities for the proper use, maintenance, and testing of emergency showers and eye wash stations at [Pierpont Community and Technical College (PCTC) It ensures compliance with federal and state safety regulations and promotes the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

**Scope**

This policy applies to all laboratories, workshops, and any other locations on campus where hazardous chemicals or materials are used, handled, or stored and where there is a risk of exposure to substances that could cause injury to the skin or eyes.

**3. Policy Statement**

Emergency showers and eye wash stations are critical safety devices designed to minimize injury in the event of exposure to harmful chemicals. [Community College Name] is committed to maintaining these devices in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.151(c) and ANSI/ISEA Z358.1 standards.

**4. Responsibilities**

**Safety:**

* Maintain an inventory of all emergency shower and eye wash stations.
* Conduct annual inspections and ensure compliance with ANSI/ISEA Z358.1 standards.
* Train personnel on proper use of emergency equipment.
* Coordinate with Facilities for any necessary repairs or upgrades.

**Facilities Management:**

* Conduct weekly activation checks to ensure equipment is functioning and water flow is sufficient.
* Perform maintenance and repairs as needed and document all actions taken.
* Ensure stations are kept free of obstructions and are easily accessible.

**Staff/Faculty:**

* Ensure that emergency equipment is available in all areas where hazardous materials are present.
* Inform and train students and staff on proper emergency procedures and the location of safety equipment.

**Students:**

* Use emergency equipment as instructed in the event of chemical exposure.
* Report any malfunctioning or obstructed equipment immediately to the appropriate supervisor or EHS.

**5. Equipment Requirements**

* **Eye Wash Stations** must deliver a controlled flow of tepid water to both eyes simultaneously for at least 15 minutes.
* **Emergency Showers** must be capable of drenching the body with a sufficient flow of tepid water for at least 15 minutes.
* Equipment must be located within 10 seconds (approximately 55 feet) of the hazard area and on the same level.
* Units must be clearly marked and well-lit.

**6. Training**

* All personnel working in areas with hazardous chemicals must receive training on:
  + The location and proper use of emergency showers and eye wash stations.
  + First aid procedures following chemical exposure.
  + Reporting requirements for exposures and equipment malfunctions.

**7. Inspection and Maintenance**

* **Weekly Checks** (by Facilities):
  + Ensure clear access.
  + Activate equipment to verify operation.
  + Check for corrosion, leaks, and cleanliness.
* **Annual Inspections** (by Safety Manager):
  + Full functional testing to ensure compliance with ANSI standards.
  + Documentation of findings and corrective actions.

**8. Reporting and Recordkeeping**

* All inspections, tests, and maintenance activities must be documented, and records retained for a minimum of 3 years.
* Any incidents involving use of emergency equipment must be reported to the Safety Department within 24 hours and documented according to college incident reporting protocols.

**9. Compliance**

Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action and will be addressed according to the college’s administrative policies and procedures.

**10. References**

* OSHA 29 CFR 1910.151(c)
* ANSI/ISEA Z358.1 – American National Standard for Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment