

USE OF EMERGENCY SHOWERS OR EYEWASHES

1. **Preplanning:**
 - a. Locate the emergency shower and eyewash closest to your work area **before beginning any work with hazardous chemicals.**
 - b. Inspect the eyewash in your lab **weekly**. Inspection tags are provided with the unit and additional tags can be obtained from the Office of Environmental, Health and Safety, X3422. Report any instances of malfunction to the Facilities Management Department, X3249 promptly.
 - c. The Facilities Management Department is responsible for the monthly inspection of the emergency showers located in the hallways.
2. If a spill to the eyes/face or body could result from your work, make sure there is someone in the vicinity that could contact Security, X3288, in case of an emergency. It is recommended to only handle hazardous chemicals using the buddy system – i.e. don't work alone.
3. If a spill to the eyes and/or face area occurs, notify your buddy to call Security, X3288, and flush the area using the eyewash station for **at least 15 minutes or until emergency medical responders arrive.**
4. If a spill to the body occurs, notify your buddy and go to the nearest emergency shower in the hallway and flush the area(s) for **at least 15 minutes or until emergency medical responders arrive.**

In most instances, emergency medical responders will arrive before a 15 minute period elapses. It is essential that the contaminated area be continually flushed with water until responders arrive.