Eyewash Posting

Requirements
Eyewashes must be readily accessible in areas with a fume hood, corrosive materials, formaldehyde, and battery changing areas, BSL-2 or BSL-3 spaces.

Eyewashes must be flushed weekly to ensure that the eyewash is working and to prevent bacteria buildup. Records must be readily available and kept for 1 year.

Instructions for Use
In the event of an eye exposure:

Injured person:
1) Call for help, from those nearby
2) Immediately, make your way to eye wash.
3) Turn on eye wash and keep flushing for 15 minutes or instructed otherwise.
4) Seek medical attention for every eye injury. Eyewashes are first aid only.

Witness/Aid:
1) Help injured person get to eyewash
2) Keep track of time. MINIMUM 15 minutes of flushing or until emergency responders arrive
3) Call 911
4) Put on gloves and help injured party keep their eyes open and head down.
5) Instruct them to:
   a. “Keep flushing you have ___ more minutes”
   b. “Hold your eyelids open” while the water flows over the eyeballs.
   c. “Roll your eyes all around” so the water touches all of the surfaces and gets under the lids.
   d. “Wash both eyes” even if you think you only contaminated one.
   e. “Remove contact lenses” during the flushing.
   f. “Don't rub your eyes” or try to dislodge objects from your eye.

Weekly Check
Once a week
- Run eyewash until water is clear and colorless. (important to inhibit bacterial growth may take up to 15 min)

Check:
- accessibility
  - area around the eyewash station is clear of obstruction, debris or tripping hazards
- eyewash station operates correctly:
  - activating arm operates smoothly and remains open when released
  - water flows continuously, with each nozzle expelling water in roughly equal amounts and equal height
  - Report any problems to Facilities Management at 612-624-2900.
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Post this checklist next to each eyewash station and keep as a record for 1 year.

NOTE- FM also tests showers & eyewashes annually. The record of this check is on a small green tag attached to the equipment. Please: 1) do not write on this tag. 2) Contact FM if the last record was more than one year ago.