

Monthly Safety Shower Flushing and Testing

Emergency shower units are required in research and instructional areas where personnel may come into contact with hazardous materials. *All showers must be activated monthly to test mechanical function and flow and purged to remove particulate matter from the water line.*

Safety Showers testing procedure:

1. Ensure shower is clear of obstructions and easily visible from all directions. Showers must have a clearance of 48 inches along the side and 30 inches across (creating a surface area of 10 square feet around the shower unit).
2. When flushing the safety showers, use a 5-gallon bucket or large trash can on wheels and shower water catcher. Note that:
 - The ON/OFF valves must be operational, activated by a single motion
 - Running water should be clear- this may take a few seconds.
3. Testing the safety shower:
 - Place safety shower net over the entire face of the shower unit
4. Record the flushing date and your initials on the inspection tag hanging from shower and in the departmental Eye wash and Safety Shower Inspection log.
 - Record notes on cleanliness, and ability to access shower in the log.

If there are issues with access to the shower, contact and notify the P.I. or technical staff member associated with the lab immediately.

If there is flow or operational deficiencies in the safety shower, notify the Facilities Management immediately at 664-2317.

