Safety Bulletin

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Wyoming OSHA now requires WEEKLY checks of emergency eyewashes at the University of Wyoming

According to a new ruling by Wyoming Workers Safety (OSHA), principal investigators, managers or designated staff must activate and check emergency eyewashes at least once per week and initial an eyewash safety tag. Additional eyewash tags are available from UW Safety. Call 766-3277 or stop by Wyoming Hall 260. UW Safety will also test the flow rate of eyewashes and inspect tags every 3 months to ensure laboratories are complying with this ruling.

Wyoming OSHA follows an American National Standard, ANSI/ISEA Z358.1-2009, which establishes requirements for emergency treatment of eyes that have been exposed to hazardous materials. A controlled flow of flushing fluid is required to both eyes simultaneously at a velocity low enough to be non-injurious to the user.

The eyewash bottle pictured at the left is considered supplemental equipment by the ANSI standard.

These are intended for immediate flushing, but should only be used in conjunction with, and placed near-by, plumbed (pictured at top) or self-contained eyewash equipment (pictured at right).

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