



# SHIFT BRIEFING



## EMERGENCY EYEWASH STATIONS

This agency uses corrosive chemicals and performs tasks that create airborne dust that can damage the eyes.

*Ask: Can You Give Me Examples of Chemicals and Tasks?*

*Note to instructor: review SDS sheets to find examples*

To provide 15-minutes of flushing as required by OSHA, we have installed:

- Plumbed eyewash stations at the following locations: \_\_\_\_\_
- Self-contained eyewash stations at the following locations: \_\_\_\_\_

Bottled eye washes do not meet the definition of an eye wash station. They are strictly meant to start flushing while the worker gets to a 15-minute eye wash station.

Eyewash stations must be readily accessible. Remember, if a person needs an eyewash station, they are largely blinded.

*Ask: Would You Agree?*

- *The eyewash station is clearly marked, and visible from most places in the facility?*
- *The eye wash station is on the same level as the hazardous chemical or task?*
- *The path to the station is relatively straight and clear of obstacles?*
- *The travel time to the station from the hazardous chemical or task is about 10 seconds?*

Also important is that the plumbed eyewash station immediately deliver clean water. **[Insert Name of Person Assigned]** flushes our eye wash stations every month (weekly is better). They do this by letting the water run clean for at least 2-3 minutes and keeping a record by **[Insert Procedure]**.

**[Insert Name]** also checks self-contained eye wash stations and eye wash bottles to make sure the solutions are not past their expiration date.

To use the eyewash station:

- Operate the system by stepping on the pedal or hitting the paddle
- Hold open your eyelids
- Place eyes in stream of water
- Hold that position for 15 minutes for chemical splashes.