



Delaware State University

University Area Responsible: Risk and Safety Management

Policy Number and Name: 7-18: Safety Shower and Eyewash Stations

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1. Purpose

In order to comply with the ANSI Z358.1 Standard **safety showers** and **eyewash stations** must be installed in areas where university employees and students may be exposed to harmful chemicals and corrosive agents.

2. Safety Shower

2.1 Safety showers should be within 100 feet of a laboratory (approximately a 10 second walking distance).

2.2 There should be open access to them at all times.

2.3 If corrosive materials are going to be used in a laboratory or area, an emergency shower meeting the current ANSI Z358.1 Standard must be installed within the area or laboratory where the materials are in use.

2.4 The Safety/Risk Manager should conduct testing and inspections on a yearly basis

3 Eyewash Station

3.1 Eyewash stations with tepid water must be accessible for all employees where the potential to be exposed to harmful chemicals exists in compliance with the ANSI Z358.1 Standard.

3.2 They must be within 100 feet or 10-second walk.

3.3 The eyewash station should be accessible at all times.

3.4 Eyewash stations should be plumed with a drain to allow for testing on a daily basis by those assigned laboratory supervision.

4 Telephone access should be available within the work area in case an emergency needs to be reported to the Department of Public Safety, the laboratory supervisor and the Safety/Risk Manager.