

# Buechel Fire Protection District

## SAFETY POLICIES

SP-0017

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Title: Eyewash Station

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Section	Instruction
1.	<p data-bbox="402 474 521 506"><b><u>Purpose</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="402 533 1333 604">Eyewash stations are essential pieces of first aid equipment. Using this quickly can reduce complications from both chemical and thermal burns.</p>
2.	<p data-bbox="402 636 488 667"><b><u>Scope</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="402 695 1360 766">This section describes how eyewashes should be installed, maintained, and used.</p> <p data-bbox="428 793 630 825">A. Installation:</p> <ol data-bbox="451 852 1393 1199" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="451 852 1393 924">1. Locate eyewash stations so they are within 100 feet of any area where a worker could be injured by a hazardous material.<ol data-bbox="474 951 1382 1077" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="474 951 1382 982">a. Install eyewash stations as close as possible to the greatest hazards.</li><li data-bbox="474 1010 1341 1077">b. Minimize obstacles between hazards and showers. Obstacles to travel include stairs, pipes, doors, and sharp turns.</li></ol></li><li data-bbox="451 1104 1393 1136">2. Clearly identify each station with a highly visible sign, light, or color.</li><li data-bbox="451 1163 1092 1194">3. Keep access to eyewash stations unobstructed.</li></ol> <p data-bbox="428 1230 651 1262">B. Maintenance:</p> <ol data-bbox="451 1289 1401 1451" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="451 1289 1401 1360">1. Test the eyewash at least weekly to flush the lines and to verify proper operation.</li><li data-bbox="451 1388 1382 1451">2. Maintain records of these tests on a checklist, or use a tag attached to each station.</li></ol> <p data-bbox="428 1486 537 1518">C. Use:</p> <ol data-bbox="451 1545 1390 1745" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="451 1545 1390 1650">1. Before performing work involving hazardous materials, run the water in the eyewash to make sure it works properly. This practice also familiarizes the worker with the eyewash location.</li><li data-bbox="451 1682 1373 1745">2. When using a eyewash in an emergency, flush the injured eyes for at least 15 minutes.</li></ol> <p data-bbox="428 1780 805 1812">D. Documentation Summary</p> <ol data-bbox="451 1839 1390 1902" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="451 1839 1390 1902">1. Once safety eyewash inspection checklists are full forward completed sheets to the training department.</li></ol>