

What to do with: The Eyewash Station – RIC

Make sure it's accessible:

- Do not block access to the eyewash station
- Make sure there is a clear path to the eyewash station at all times, do not put carts or boxes in front of the station, this is where you'd need to stand if you required the use of the eyewash station
- NOTE: The eyewash station in this lab is actually built into the wall
- You need to pull down on the handle to access the eyewash for maintenance and in case of emergency
- Make sure you pull the correct handle, or you'll be activating the shower!



Make sure it's maintained:

- Did you know that the eyewash station needs to be flushed every week?
- This is to ensure that the water in the pipes is clean
- It also allows you to make sure the eyewash is functioning properly
- Make sure you run the eyewash for about 3-5 minutes to make sure performance is consistent (sometimes there will be a surge of water pressure, or some dirty water that needs more time to get washed through)
- Things to check for:
 - That both sides are flowing, and at about the same height
 - That the water is clean and tepid (not too hot, not too cold)
 - That the water pressure is adequate, but not too strong (if the water ends up hitting the ceiling, or spraying over the sides, then the eyewash needs to get fixed!)
 - There will be some splashes and splatters of water on the front side of the eyewash, make sure you dry the floor so no one slips!

