

WAC 296-307-03935 Inspect and activate emergency washing facilities. (1) The employer must make sure all plumbed emergency washing facilities are inspected once a year to make sure they function correctly.

- Note:** Inspections should include:
1. Examination of the piping.
 2. Making sure that water is available at the appropriate temperature and quality.
 3. Activation to check that the valves and other hardware work properly.
 4. Checking the water flow rate.

(2) The employer must make sure plumbed emergency eyewashes and hand-held drench hoses are activated weekly to check the proper functioning of the valves, hardware, and availability of water.

(3) The employer must make sure all self-contained eyewash equipment and personal eyewash units are inspected and maintained according to manufacturer instructions.

(a) Inspections to check proper operation must be done once a year.

(b) Sealed personal eyewashes must be replaced after the manufacturer's expiration date.

- Note:** Most manufacturers recommend replacing fluid in open self-contained eyewashes every six months. The period for sealed containers is typically two years.

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