



Suggested Sources for Eyewash Devices

Faucet-mounted eyewash devices are excellent for a low hazard situation like those at the typical veterinary practice. An eyewash device must be installed in the "immediate area" when any hazardous or corrosive chemical is used. There is some flexibility in the rules, but do not expect employees to go up or down stairs, through multiple doors or even around an "obstacle course" of furniture to get to the device. Remember, the person who needs an eyewash can't see, so it has to be very easy to find!

It is best to have an eyewash in every room where lab procedures are performed (e.g., with reagents or formalin), where photodeveloping chemicals are mixed or used, and where hazardous cleaning chemicals or insecticides are used.

Eye wash devices are designed for two primary dangers: foreign body irritations and chemicals. Foreign bodies usually affect one eye and once the object is removed, the flushing process can be discontinued. Chemicals on the other hand usually affect both eyes simultaneously and must be thoroughly cleansed for a long time to ensure any residuals of the chemical are removed.

This style device is available from several sources so be sure check on prices from your regular distributors also (prices listed below are current as of 4/16/03).

Lab Safety Supply (www.labsafety.com) 1-800-356-0783.

- Product # 8252
\$49.30 each (as of 4/16/03)
- Product # 8270 (for high rise/gooseneck faucets)
\$74.00 each

