



May 27 — When You Need It, It Better Work

Eyewash station nozzle was missing its protective cover, creating a risk of contamination.	The issue was corrected by replacing the cover.
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Nobody was using it. No emergency. No exposure. Just sitting there. An eyewash station something you hope you never need. But the cover was missing.

Doesn't seem like much. Just a small piece. Easy to overlook. But that cover is what keeps the nozzle clean.

Without it, dust... debris... contaminants...All have a chance to build up. And when it's finally needed — when someone gets something in their eyes. That's not the time to find out it's not clean.

Because in that moment, there's no backup. You don't get to check it first. You don't get to clean it. You use it immediately. And whatever is sitting there goes straight where you're trying to protect.

The fix was simple. Replace the cover. Make sure it's ready before it's needed.

Because emergency equipment doesn't get a second chance to work right.

Hazards

- Contaminated eyewash water
- Increased eye injury severity
- Delayed response during emergencies
- Failure of emergency equipment
- Secondary exposure during treatment

Stats

- Emergency equipment failures often go unnoticed until needed
- Proper maintenance is critical to effectiveness
- Eye injuries require immediate response to reduce severity
- Contamination can worsen initial injury

Words of Wisdom

- Emergency equipment must be ready before the emergency
- If it's not maintained, it won't protect
- Small misses become big problems later

Pause and Think

We don't think about emergency equipment often.

It's there. It's in place. We assume it's ready.

But that assumption only holds if it's been checked and maintained.

Because when the moment comes, there's no time to question it.

- Do I check emergency equipment or assume it's good?
- Would I trust it right now if I needed it?
- Am I catching small issues before they become big ones?
- Would I fix this before walking away?