

Emergency Shower Test Procedures

At the University of Georgia, you may encounter hazards while working such as: chemical, biological, radiological, etc. Prior to beginning work, become familiar with the locations of emergency shower stations near your work area and their operation and maintenance. Listed below are instructions for the maintenance of emergency shower stations.

Emergency Shower Stations Monthly Maintenance

* Do not test if your shower is a chain pull shower.

1. Make sure your emergency shower station location is posted. Postings are available at www.esd.uga.edu/chem/labpost.htm. If you do not have an emergency shower in your immediate area, learn the location of the nearest shower and ensure that it stays operational and maintained.
2. Make sure the emergency shower is completely free from obstructions or other potential hazards. It's a good idea to tape off the area around the shower.
3. Keep electrical devices away from the emergency shower.
4. Emergency showers should be flushed monthly. The reason for this is to flush out rust and microorganisms that can build up in these units. You will need a 5 to 10 gallon bucket and long collection sleeve with a ring at the top.
5. Place the bottom of the sleeve in the bucket and hold the top of the sleeve up to the shower head.
6. Pull the handle for a few seconds and push it back up. Water should flow at approximately 20 gallons/minute.
7. Repeat this step several times to flush out the line.
8. If a repair is needed for the emergency shower, contact physical plant at 706-542-7456 or 706-542-0090. Ask to speak to the Work Order Section. Ask the operator if your building falls under building funds. If it does request a repair work order for your emergency shower station.
9. Keep an Emergency Shower Test Record for your laboratory.
10. Verify that Environmental Safety has annually tested your emergency shower. The shower should have a green tag (ok) that has been dated by UGA Environmental Safety Division (ESD) personnel within one year. The shower may also have a yellow tag (caution) or red tag (out of order), Look at the tag to see if states the reason why it was tagged caution or out of order. It could be many reasons such as: obstructed, electrical hazard, not functioning properly... If you need to have your emergency shower tested or have questions about the way it was tagged, contact ESD at 706-542-5801.