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PURPOSE: To provide employees with appropriate guidelines for safe use of the **eyePOD** eye wash station in order to minimize the risk of eye damage where exposure to chemical hazards exists.

LOCATIONS:


- Avenue II Main Office in the Training Room.
- Bay Court in the kitchen.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Joint Health & Safety Committee will ensure that the eye wash station (referred to as the **eyePOD** in the procedure section) located at the Main Office and Bay Court has been inspected twice per month by the Health and Safety Representative for the location.

All employees are responsible to report any deficiencies in the eye wash station immediately.

PROCEDURE:

1. Do not panic. Shout out for help to allow others to assist you. Contact 911.
2. Remove any contact lenses immediately if a chemical or other substance gets into your eye(s). The contact lens can hold the substance to the eye, causing significant damage.
3. Turn on the cold water faucet first then add enough hot water until the water temperature is "tepid".
4. Rotating the front of the **eyePOD**  (located at the end of the water tap) one-half turn (in either direction) brings the eyewash spouts to the top and automatically resets the unit to operate as eyewash.

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5. Forcibly hold your eyes open with your index finger and thumb and then bend over into the water flow on the eye wash station. Roll your eyes around to let the water flush out the entire eye. This is probably the hardest thing to do, but also the most important.
6. Continue to hold your eyes open. Irrigation should last for at least 15 minutes. The **eyePODs** are designed to deliver continuous flushing under gentle pressure to ensure that the substance is flushed from your eye. The **eyePOD** also features a build-in thermostatic safety valve that will automatically shut off eyewash flows at 100°F (37°C), diverting all water out through the aerator faucet at the bottom of the product. This protects users from accidentally irrigating their eyes with water that is too hot. When water temperatures fall to an acceptable degree, eyewash flows are automatically restored.
7. If irritation persists, repeat the flushing procedure. It is important to seek medical attention as soon as possible after first aid has been given.

Please Note: The eyePOD eyewash station is only for first aid measures. It is not medical treatment for chemical exposures. Make certain that you seek proper medical attention.