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First Aid and Eyewash

References: OSHA 29 CFR 1910.151; 1910.151 APP A; (ANSI) Z308.1-1998; (ANSI) Z358.1-2014

1 Purpose

1.1 This policy establishes a first aid and eyewash program to ensure a safe and healthful working environment and to act as a performance standard for all employees at Lander University.

2 Scope

2.1 This policy addresses first aid cabinets and eyewash stations at Lander University.

3 Responsibilities

3.1 Safety and Regulatory Compliance Officer

The Safety and Regulatory Compliance Officer has the overall responsibility for administering and maintaining this policy, including:

- 3.1.1 Ensuring the implementation of the first aid and eyewash program across the university campus.
- 3.1.2 Confirming compliance with relevant regulations.
- 3.2 Facilities Operations Manager

The Facilities Operations Manager is responsible for:

- 3.2.1 Ensuring that the program is implemented in their area(s) of responsibility.
- 3.2.2 Ensuring that first aid cabinets and eyewash stations are inspected on a monthly basis, as described in Section 6 of this policy.

3.2.3 Ensuring that eyewash stations are inspected/flushed weekly.

3.3 Supervisors

Supervisors are responsible for:

- 3.3.1 Ensuring that employees are properly trained:
 - 3.3.1.1 On the operation of eyewash stations and emergency showers.
 - 3.3.1.2 On the location of first aid cabinets, eyewash stations, and emergency showers.

3.4 Employees

Employees must:

- 3.4.1 Attend all required trainings for this program.
- 3.4.2 Immediately report any unsafe condition or defective equipment to their supervisor.

4 First Aid Cabinets

- 4.1 First aid cabinets/kits must be made available to employees for the treatment of injuries sustained while on university property.
- 4.2 First aid cabinets/kits must be stocked with the minimum required materials in serviceable condition in a kit that is accessible to employees. (See Appendix A)
 - 4.2.1 The Safety and Regulatory Compliance Officer is responsible for ensuring first aid cabinets/kits are properly stocked.
- 4.3 Bloodborne pathogens kits must be accessible so that they can be used in the event that bodily fluids need to be cleaned up.

5 Eyewash Stations

- 5.1 An eyewash and/or safety shower must be provided in any area in which an employee's eyes or body could be exposed to corrosive materials.
- 5.2 An eyewash station must be located within 10 seconds of travel time from the area where corrosive materials are used or stored.

- 5.3 Eyewash stations must have highly visible signage to ensure that they can be quickly located in the event of an emergency.
- 5.4 Eyewash stations must provide a continuous flow of clean, potable water or a suitable eyewash solution for at least 15 minutes.
- 5.5 Eyewash stations must deliver at least 0.4 gallons of clean water per minute.
- 5.6 Eyewash station nozzles must be protected to prevent freezing and airborne contamination.
- 5.7 Flushing fluid must be tepid (i.e., between 60 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit) and remain so for at least 15 minutes.

6 Inspections

- 6.1 The contents of all first aid cabinets and kits must be inspected monthly.
 - 6.1.1 The contents will be examined to ensure their readiness, the presence of an appropriate current quantity of supplies, and that the expiration date of all supplies has not been exceeded.
 - 6.1.2 Any missing, expired, used, or damaged supplies must be replaced immediately.
 - 6.1.3 Inspections must be documented.
- 6.2 Plumbed eyewash stations must be activated weekly to flush the fluid regularly and prevent stagnant water buildup.
- 6.3 Self-contained eyewash stations must be inspected to ensure that an adequate amount of fluid is currently available and that the fluid has not expired.
- 6.4 Eyewash testing and inspections must be documented.

7 Training

- 7.1 All employees must receive training on the following:
 - 7.1.1 The operation of eyewash stations and emergency showers.
 - 7.1.2 The location of first aid cabinets, eyewash stations, and emergency showers.

7.2 Training must be conducted:

- 7.2.1 Upon hire.
- 7.2.2 As needed thereafter, every three years at a minimum.

8 Policy Revision History

- First draft of policy submitted by Finance and Administration on 9/20/2024.
- Reviewed and revised by Policy Coordinator with final approval from Finance and Administration on 4/14/2025.
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