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## **Emergency Eyeflushing for Pesticide Handlers**

WAC 16-233-250(5) of the Worker Protection Standards requires handler employers to provide a plumbed or portable emergency eyewash at all pesticide mixing and loading stations or handler decontamination sites when a pesticide label requires protective eyewear. All permanent mixing and loading stations must have an emergency eyewash regardless of whether a label requires protective eyewear. The rule requires that the eyewash must be capable of delivering at least 1.5 liters (0.4 gallons) of water per minute for 15 minutes. In order to be consistent with Department of Labor and Industries' Ag rule requirements found in WAC 296-307-03930, the WSDA requires the following for an emergency eyewash:

- It must be capable of irrigating and flushing both eyes simultaneously while the user holds their eyes open.
- It must have an on-off valve that activates in one second or less and remains on without user assistance until intentionally turned off.

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