



## **Requirements for Eyewash Stations in Standby Battery Rooms**

### **OSHA 29 CFR 1926 Safety and Health Regulations for Construction**

#### **1926.441 Electrical**

##### **1926.441(a)(5)**

Face shields, aprons, and rubber gloves shall be provided for workers handling acids or batteries.

##### **1926.441(a)(6)**

Facilities for quick drenching of the eyes and body shall be provided within 25 feet (7.62 m) of battery handling areas.

### **OSHA 29 CFR 1910 Occupational Safety and Health Standards**

#### **1910.268 Telecommunications.**

##### **1910.268(b)(2)(i)**

Eye protection devices which provide side as well as frontal eye protection for employees shall be provided when measuring storage battery specific gravity or handling electrolyte and the employer shall ensure that such devices are used by the employees. The employer shall also ensure that acid resistant gloves and aprons shall be worn for protection against spattering. Facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided unless the storage batteries are of the enclosed type and equipped with explosion proof vents, in which case sealed water rinse or neutralizing packs may be substituted for the quick drenching or flushing facilities. Employees assigned to work with storage batteries shall be instructed in emergency procedures such as dealing with accidental acid spills.

#### **1910.151 Medical and First Aid**

**1910.151(c)** Where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use. 1910 .151

Actual codes and regulations vary by geography. Check with Local Authority Having Jurisdiction for exact requirements. For additional information, go to [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov), [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) or [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).