

# LAB SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

## Safety Equipment in the Lab

Identifying, getting familiar via training, & keeping and maintaining safety equipment is critical in protecting and saving lives and health in emergency situations.

- Emergency showers, eyewashes, fire extinguishers & blankets, proper PPE when conducting experiments and addressing spills, spill kits and other safety equipment keep the community safe and ready for emergency response.
- Having a regular training and maintenance program for safety equipment is imperative. Do not use broken or damaged equipment – notify and schedule its service immediately.
- Know the location of the nearest [emergency eyewash and safety shower](#) before starting any work in the laboratory.
- Access to the eyewash, safety shower, fire extinguishers, and spill kits must be unobstructed.
- Activate your eyewash weekly to ensure it is working properly; regularly flushing the eyewash helps to prevent sediment build-up and contamination from stagnant water.