



## Incorrect Use of Emergency Showers

While undertaking site inspections it was found that a number of emergency showers were missing their anti-tamper devices (plastic ties). On closer inspection a combination of the following issues were also observed:

- The shower nozzle and hose contained foreign (dry dirt) residue or was damaged.
- The multi-mode shower nozzle was in “Jet” mode and not “Shower” mode as required.
- The hose was not attached to the water supply.
- The Spray nozzle had been removed from hose and located elsewhere on site.

***Emergency Showers shall NOT be used for cleaning equipment, workers, or any other general use. They must be reserved for the use in an emergency i.e. to treat burns.***



### Immediate actions

- Shower nozzles were cleaned and repaired.
- The hoses were properly coiled and stored to ensure there were no kinks to stop water flow.
- Shower nozzles were turned to the correct “Shower” mode. When treating burns “Jet” mode could cause permanent damage to the user.
- Shower cabinets were closed and fitted with new anti-tamper device.

### Follow-up Actions

- Investigate installing an alarm system in conjunction with anti-tamper device
- Review stations SMP’s to ensure these are monitored more frequently
- Review usage of multi-mode nozzle and replace if needed
- Ensure near miss incidents are entered into Maximo for each time found at a site.

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