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Are there any regulations requirement for maintaining Eye Wash and Oxygen Tank?

How often do the eye wash station and oxygen tank have to be maintained, and inspected? Is there an OSHA requirement for the dental office to log the maintenance and inspection?

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There are maintenance requirements for plumbed eyewash stations and storage requirements for oxygen tanks. The CAL/OSHA regulations regarding both of these items can be found in Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. For eyewash stations it states in part:

"(e) Maintenance. Plumbed eyewash and shower equipment shall be activated at least monthly to flush the line and to verify proper operation. Other units shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions."

Please see links to each of the sections pertaining to these items:

Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5162.html>

Compressed gases and Air Equipment: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/4650.html>

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You have questions. We have answers. While this site is a great vehicle to answer your practice support questions, there are naturally times when you'd rather speak directly with a human being. And at CDA, we have five of the finest. These are the folks who develop the content you'll find on cda.org and they're available to give you the perspective and information you need to make smart decisions.

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