

# Chemical Spill Drench Shower Inspection Required by FDNY

In the latest developments from the FDNY concerning chemical and hazardous materials handling, a provision in the fire code states that the drench shower and eyewash stations are subject to a yearly self-inspection certification. To satisfy this certification, every month the funeral home owner is required to operate the devices to rinse all rust from the stagnant water line and to attest that the two units are in proper operating condition.

And every year, the funeral home must attest in writing on funeral home letterhead that it has performed the flow test for the drench shower and eyewash station and mail the letter to the FDNY, 9 Metrotech Center, ATT: Lab Inspection Unit, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Also, be advised that the inspection tags on the fire extinguishers located throughout your building have 12 blank boxes on the reverse side of the tag. Those boxes are to be used by the staff member who monthly walks over to the unit and checks that the pressure gauge is fully charged and that there are no tears or cracks in the delivery hose and verifies that this test has been performed by initialing the inspection tag and dating it with the date of inspection. This process is in addition to the checks performed by your fire extinguisher maintenance company who comes to do their yearly inspection and replaces the outdated tags.