

CASE STUDY



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Exposure to potentially hazardous chemicals isn't limited to industries like oil and natural gas. With routine contact to various cleaning chemicals and other hazards, employees in the hospitality/resort industry are equally at risk to injury. In fact, studies show that hotel workers have an injury rate 25% higher than all service workers, with housekeepers experiencing the most injuries. These numbers are due to exposure to corrosive chemicals in certain cleaning products that have the potential to not only irritate skin, but to also cause severe burns if splashed on skin or into eyes. It's a risk for all workers in this industry, including the staff at Extended Stay America, the largest and most popular extended-stay hotel chain in North America.

BACKGROUND

Extended Stay America operates more than 600 locations across North America. When its Plano, Texas location was ready to upgrade to a more efficient eyewash, the company's corporate office began its search. Appropriate ANSI compliant emergency response solutions are necessary in the event of accidental exposure to hazardous housekeeping chemicals and to stay in compliance with OSHA regulations requiring appropriate safety equipment when "employees may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials."

OBJECTIVE

The challenge was two-fold. The company needed to find an efficient and simple eyewash to replace the existing model in its current location, the house laundry room. That made a quick-install solution – something that didn't need to be plumbed – a necessity.

SOLUTION

With its faucet-mounted design, the AXION® eyePOD® proved to be just the space-saving solution the hotel needed. Not only did it quickly and easily replace the existing model with no need for additional plumbing, but its inverted water technology design provides staff with a superior and medically consistent response. The unique water flow sweeps contaminants away from the nasal cavity for increased victim comfort, an important benefit for users. A supplementary safety feature of the eyePOD is its thermostatic safety shutoff, which stops the water flow if temperatures exceed 100° F / 37.7° C to prevent scalding or exacerbated reactions from excessively hot water.

RESULTS

"So far, so good!" said Kelli Perdue, general manager at Extended Stay America in Plano, in regard to the new eyewash. Staff received training for the unit's operation during weekly team meetings, and the eyePOD has proven effective already. Since its installation, it has been used to minimize injury after cleaning chemicals splashed into a housekeeper's eyes.

ABOUT AXION EYEPOD

The AXION eyePOD is a faucet-mounted eyewash that provides healthcare offices, labs, schools, and households with AXION MSR™ eyewash technology in an attractive, low-profile, affordable design. With a simple rotation, your standard faucet becomes a thermostatically-controlled eyewash featuring an exclusive inverted water flow pattern consistent with recommended healthcare protocols. The eyePOD is simple to install on standard faucets and allows for normal faucet function when not in use. The elegant eyePOD has been designated to withstand a lifetime of use and is certified to NSF 61, and ANSI/ISEA Z358.1.

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