What are the 3 Most Critical Elements of Emergency Equipment?



1. Emergency situations; readiness; training.
2. Emergency equipment; power supply; maintenance.
3. Emergency equipment; properly located; training and maintenance.
4. Regular inspections; readiness; hazards.

ANSWER

Regular inspections; readiness; hazards.

WHY IS IT RIGHT

1st Question

Where should emergency equipment be located?

A Hazard Identification process should be conducted to identify all locations where emergency equipment may be required.

This should include equipment such as:

- Firefighting equipment
- Drench showers and eye-baths where workers are at risk of being in contact with harmful substances (particularly corrosive substances such as acids).
- Spill control equipment

Emergency equipment should be located in easily accessible areas and within a reasonable distance from the source of hazard.

2nd Question

Is training required?

It is essential to train all personnel so that they are thoroughly familiar with the locations of all emergency equipment and the correct methods for using them.

It is also beneficial to ensure that all staff members are familiar with the use and locations of emergency equipment during the induction training process.

3rd Question

What maintenance is needed?

To ensure that all emergency equipment is in proper working order, regular inspections and maintenance must be carried out. This will put your equipment in a state of readiness in the event of an emergency.

Enlist qualified personnel to carry out all inspections in accordance with controlled inspection check sheets.

Be sure to keep full records of inspections and testing of emergency equipment.

Minutes and seconds can seem like an eternity in an emergency situation. To prevent injuries and save lives, quick actions are needed. Emergency equipment must be:

1. Properly located;
2. Properly maintained; and
3. Staff properly trained in the use.

WHY IS EVERYTHING ELSE WRONG

The important takeaway in the discussion of Emergency Equipment management is to recognize the importance of the **BIG TREE** nearby, emergency equipment location proper training and proper maintenance schedules for all emergency equipment. All other collateral issues though important in the achieve of safety, are loss important. These include emergency devices and lights and emergency power supply.