



Respiratory Protection

Applicable Regulations and Policies

[29 CFR 1910.134 Respiratory Protection](#)

[EHS 107: Respiratory Protection](#)

Applicability

This program applies to all ASU employees who are or may be required to wear respirators during routine work operations, and non-routine, or emergency operations, such as during the clean-up of a spill of a hazardous substance. In addition, requirements for voluntary use of respiratory protection for ASU employees are identified within the program.

Requirements

Supervisors:

- Be aware of tasks requiring hazard evaluation and the use of respiratory protection and ensure SOPs related to respirator use are being followed.
- Coordinate with the Program Administrator to address respiratory hazards or other concerns regarding this program.
- Determine appropriate discipline for employees who fail to observe any portion of the ASU Respiratory Protection Program.
- Ensure employees under their supervision also including new hires have received appropriate medical evaluations, training, and fit testing.
- Ensure that respirators are properly cleaned, maintained, and stored as identified in department SOPs and the respirators do not cause any discomfort to the employee.
- Ensure the availability of respirators and accessories identified in department SOPs.
- Monitor and enforce proper use of respiratory protection.
- Notify employees of respiratory protection changes whenever they are needed.
- Select which employees will participate in the ASU Respiratory Protection Program based on job duties, job hazards, and potential exposures.
- Supervisors ensure program requirements are met.

Employees:

- Attend training and fit test prior to initially using a respirator as required by department SOPs.
- Be familiar with the ASU Respiratory Protection program and their specific respiratory protection devices.
- Complete Medical Evaluation Questionnaires and participate in hazard evaluation as required prior to initial use of the respiratory protection device.
- Inform their supervisor if the respirator no longer fits well or is damaged or compromised, and request a new one that fits properly.
- Inform their supervisor or the Program Administrator of any respiratory hazards that they feel is not adequately addressed in the workplace and any other concerns they have regarding the program.
- Use, care for, maintain, and store their respirators as per their training and department SOP.

Recordkeeping: Training and fit test records are maintained in EHS. These records will be updated as new employees are trained, as existing employees receive refresher training, and as fit tests are conducted.

EHS will ensure copies of the medical records for all employees covered under the respirator program are properly maintained. Departments will retain employees medical records if they have an established contract



with a 3rd party company. The completed medical questionnaire and the PLHCP's documented findings are confidential and will remain with the healthcare facility or department administration. EHS will only retain the physician's written recommendation regarding each employee's ability to wear a respirator.

Equipment:

N-95 respirator, half-face or full-face respirator, Powered Air Purifying Respirators or PAPR

Training:

EHS will provide training to respirator users on the contents of the ASU Respiratory Protection Program, their responsibilities, and the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard. All authorized employees are retrained annually. Training records are the responsibility of EHS.

Additional Information:

Contact ASU EHS: safety@asu.edu