

Respirator Protection Program

Employers should create a written Respiratory Protection Program when employees have a potential to be exposed to hazardous airborne particles, inhalation hazard, infectious agents, or when levels of oxygen are insufficient. A respirator should be utilized when other controls such as engineering and administrative are not possible.



A respiratory protection program should include specific workplace operations and procedures. Here are 8 steps to follow to help with your respirator protection program.

- 1) Appoint a Respirator Protection Program manager to oversee the program.
- 2) Create and implement a Respirator Protection Program.
- 3) Identify respiratory hazards to determine respirator type
- 4) Select approved NIOSH-certified respirators.
- 5) Ensure all personnel are medically cleared prior to wearing a respirator.
- 6) Train all employees on the wear, maintenance and storage of the respirators.
- 7) Employees who wear a respirator should be fit tested initially and then annually from that point forward.
- 8) Maintain records of fit tests.

For more detailed information, visit:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_id=12716&p_table=standards

