

Respiratory Protection

Proper respiratory protection is required when work exposes staff to airborne hazards.

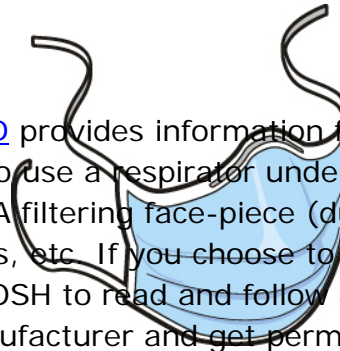


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An annual

physical and fit testing for a respirator must occur before anyone is permitted to wear a respirator. Contact your Safety Officer.

VOLUNTARY USE OF DUST MASK

[OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.134 App.D](#) provides information for employees using a filtering face-piece when not required to use a respirator under the standard (voluntary use of a filtering dust mask). A filtering face-piece (dust mask) provides some protection from dusts, pollen, odors, etc. If you choose to wear a dust mask on the job, you are required by OSHA/MOSH to read and follow all the instructions for use and wear as provided by the manufacturer and get permission from the Safety Officer, who will determine if it is appropriate for you to be entered into the Respiratory Protection Program.



In compliance with OSHA regulations, our "Respiratory Protection Program" says an employee may not wear a respirator in the course of their duties until they have successfully completed the physical examination and respirator fit testing, which occurs annually. Employees entered into our "Respiratory Protection Program" have been trained and tested and are provided with respirators appropriate for the hazards involved.

For more information and/or suggestions contact the Environmental Safety Compliance Officer (ESCO) at Ext. 8441 or Email umces-safety@umces.edu