



RESPIRATORS

are a common form of PPE (personal protective equipment) used to prevent the inhalation of airborne debris, and noxious substances. Employees may be required to wear respirators when working with certain materials or in specific environments in which EHS has determined the air quality to meet or approach OSHA action levels. Not using a respirator when required could lead to acute or chronic ill health effects. NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) certified N95 or half face respirators are the most common respirators used on campus. Employees can request a respirator from EHS even when one is not required. All respirator use, even voluntary use, requires training and fit testing as outlined in the Respiratory Protection Program.

PROGRAM STEPS:

- EHS may conduct a workplace risk analysis.
- A respirator will be chosen for the task and environment.
- A health questionnaire will be reviewed by the University Health Center.
- Required respirator training will be attended.
- A fit test will determine the effectiveness of the seal.

WHAT TO DO!

- Complete required training and fitting before using a respirator!
- Tell your supervisor if your cartridges need replacing.
- Do not use a dust mask in place of a respirator!
- If you experience symptoms of potentially hazardous fumes, leave the area and call EHS!
- In an emergency, call **911** and **UOPD** (541-346-2919) for immediate assistance!



Before use complete a training and a fitting!



Pay attention to respirator warning symbols!



Left: N95 (respirator) Right: standard dust mask (not a respirator)

