RESPIRATORS
are a common form of PPE (personal protective equipment) used to prevent the inhalation of airborne debris, and noxious substances. Not using a respirator when required could lead to acute or chronic ill health effects. 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 OSHA action levels. NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) certified N95 or half face respirators are used on campus. Employees can request a respirator even when one is not required. The UO combines training and fittings through its 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!