

Required Elements: Respiratory Protection Program (RPP)

Your workplace must develop and implement a respiratory protection program (RRP) if your employees wear respirators. Oregon OSHA's Respiratory Protection standard is held under [29 CFR 1910.134](#) for general industry and construction employers. Below is a checklist to assist you in implementing your RPP.

Ask Yourself, Have You:

- Appointed an administrator to implement the RPP?
- Identified and evaluated potential respiratory hazards at your workplace?
- Characterized your employees' exposure to respiratory hazard(s) (i.e. personal exposure monitoring)?
- Selected adequate respirators based on the physical and chemical properties of the air contaminant(s) that employees are exposed to as well as the expected exposure level (i.e. dose)?
- Ensured that employees only use approved or certified respirators?
- Provided respirator medical evaluation questionnaires to employees who are required to use respirators or who are permitted to use tight-fitting respirators (e.g. elastomeric facepieces) on a voluntary basis?
- Quantitatively or qualitatively fit-tested employees who are required to wear tight-fitting respirators?
- Ensured that employees do not have beards or other facial hair that may disrupt the seal of a tight-fitting filtering facepiece or respirator?
- Ensured that employees wear only the respirators for which they have been fit-tested and medically evaluated for?
- Ensured that employees remove and store their respirators in a sanitary location (e.g. clean plastic tub or bag) after they leave their work areas?
- Made the written RPP readily available to any employee in the respirator program?
- Ensured that respirators are stored so they are not damaged or deformed?
- Ensured that employees understand how to inspect their respirators and perform a user-seal check before each use?
- Ensured that employees understand how to report problems with their respirators?
- Provided employees who use respirators voluntarily with the information in 29 CFR 1910.134, [Appendix D - Information for Employees Using Respirators When Not Required under the Standard?](#)
- Trained employees how to use, clean, maintain, and identify problems with their respirators?
- Verified that employees adhere to workplace policies for keeping their respirators clean and properly maintained?
- Verified that all respirator filters, cartridges, and canisters have NIOSH-approved labels and are compatible with the make and model of the respirators provided to employees?
- Ensured that only Grade D breathing air is used for atmosphere-supplying respirators (if provided)?

Do You:

- Maintain accurate records of each employee's respirator medical evaluation and fit-testing result?
- Regularly evaluate (at least annually) the RRP and employee respirator training to verify that it is effective?