

Required elements of a respiratory protection program

Your workplace must have a respiratory protection program if your employees are exposed to respiratory hazards. The program's requirements, which apply to general industry and construction employers, are established in [1910.134, Respiratory Protection](#).

Have you:

- Appointed an administrator to implement the program?
- Identified potential respiratory hazards at your workplace and described each hazard's chemical name and physical form?
- Evaluated your employees' exposure levels to determine the air concentration of the hazards?
- Determined the oxygen concentration of hazardous atmospheres?
- Selected respirators for employees based on the hazard's air concentration, chemical name and physical form, and the availability of oxygen?
- Ensured that employees use only NIOSH- certified respirators?
- Provided medical evaluations to employees who use respirators?
- Fit-tested employees who use respirators with tight-fitting facepieces?
- Ensured that employees who wear respirators with tight-fitting facepieces do not have beards or other facial hair that could cause the facepieces to leak?
- Ensured that employees wear only the respirators for which they have been fit tested?
- Ensured that employees remove their respirators after they leave their work areas?
- Ensured that employees who work in IDLH environments use a full-facepiece, pressure-demand, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or a combination full-facepiece, pressure-demand, supplied-air respirator with auxiliary self-contained air supply?
- Made the written program readily available to any employee in the program?
- Ensured that respirators are stored so they are not damaged or deformed?
- Ensured that employees inspect their respirators before each use?
- Ensured that employees have a method for reporting problems with respirators?
- Provided employees who use respirators voluntarily with the information in 1910.134, Appendix D?
- Trained the employees who you require to use respirators?
- Ensured that employees' respirators are clean, sanitary, and properly maintained?
- Ensured that respirator filters, cartridges, and canisters have NIOSH-approved labels?
- Ensured that only high quality breathing air is used for atmosphere-supplying respirators?

Do you:

- Keep current records of medical evaluations and fit-testing results?
- Have a current copy of the written respiratory protection program?
- Regularly evaluate the program to ensure that it is effective?