Respirator Protection: Principal Investigators, Directors, Supervisors, and Faculties’ Responsibilities

Principal Investigators, Directors, Supervisors, and Faculties are responsible for ensuring that employees, students, and volunteers/visiting scholars, under their supervision, wear respiratory protection when needed. Responsibility for complying with the Respiratory Protection Program rests with the immediate Principal investigator, Director, or Manager. Their responsibilities include:

- implementing the Respiratory Protection Program in their work area;
- identifying individuals and their jobs or tasks which may require respiratory protection and providing this information to the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator, and seeking assistance in evaluation of respiratory hazards;
- purchasing respirators based on the recommendations of the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator and making them available for users;
- enforcing the proper use of respirators;
- ensuring that respirators are properly cleaned, maintained, and stored;
- ensuring that respirator users, under their supervision, receive appropriate training, medical evaluation, and initial and annual fit testing; and,
- identifying changes in jobs or tasks which may require a re-evaluation of respirator use and notifying the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator.

Quick Take

- See our Respiratory Protection Program for more information.
- Seek assistance in evaluation of respiratory hazards.
- Contact the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator by clicking here.
- Individuals must be medically cleared prior to getting fitted for a respirator.

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