Respirator User - employee, student, or volunteers/visiting scholar – is an individual who wears a respirator to protect their lungs from a hazardous substance in the area.

The respirator user is responsible for:

- Completing the OSHA Medical Evaluation Questionnaire in its entirety and the left-hand side of the Respiratory Medical Clearance form and submit them to Employee or Student Health Services.
- Using the respirator in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and the training received.
- Inspecting the respirator before each use and reporting any malfunction of the respirator to his or her employer (e.g., Principal Investigator, Director, Manager, Faculty etc.)
- Storing, cleaning, maintaining, and guarding against damage to the respirator.
- Promptly reporting to his or her employer or Employee Health Services (if an employee) any symptoms of illness that may be related to respirator usage or exposure to hazardous atmospheres.
- Identifying changes in jobs or tasks which may require 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.