

SAFETY MEETING TOPIC

This form shall be completed and kept on file

Job Name _____ Location _____ Job No. _____
Meeting Leader _____ Title _____
Date Held _____ Place _____ Time _____
Subject of Meeting _____ **RESPIRATORY PROTECTION** _____

When atmosphere or surrounding conditions are harmful or potentially harmful to workers, appropriate respiratory protective devices will be provided by the Employer and shall be used.

Respiratory selection requirements will follow the Respiratory Selection Criteria as mandated by OSHA.

Employees required to use a respirator will be examined by a medical doctor, to determine their physical capability to perform the assigned task. Most respiratory devices increase physical stress on the body, especially the heart and lungs. If, after being examined by a medical doctor the Employee questions his/her own capabilities, he/she should advise his/her Supervisor.

Qualitative fit testing of each employee required to wear a mask will be performed by a qualified person. This fit testing will be documented on the form provided for that purpose.

Employees will be trained as to how to check for a proper fit and how to use the mask and associated equipment.

Employees will also be trained as to how to inspect their mask for abnormal conditions, how to clean and maintain the equipment and how to store it.

All of the above tests and training are documented on special forms provided by the Employer.

There are some basics that are very important when using a respirator. Your Supervisor, in conjunction with the Company Safety Representative will ensure that you are being provided with the correct respirator for the conditions. It must fit properly and seal tightly on the surface of your face. You must be able to physically perform the required work while wearing a respirator.