

Respiratory Protection Program

Purpose:

In their work employees can be exposed to respiratory hazards I.E. inadequate oxygen and air contaminants. Exposure to these hazards could be harmful to employees' health.

In order to protect employees' health, supervisors must ensure exposed employees, as determined by Industrial Hygiene, receive a pre-employment and annual respirator physical, training and fit-testing. Employees must know what they are exposed to, how they are exposed and how to protect themselves.

Supervisors' first goal is to remove the hazard. Their second goal will be to use administrative controls to prevent a hazardous exposure. As a last resort, personal protective equipment (respirator) will be used.

The following organizations are required to participate with the Respiratory Protection Program:

- G-3 Division
- G-4 Division
- Security Battalion
- National Museum of the Marine Corps
- The Basic School
- Weapons Training Battalion

General Information:

Per 29 CFR 1910.134, personnel using a respirator must receive training before use and annually. To receive training, the person must be clean-shaved and has received a physical.

Contact Information:

For more information, please contact the Program Manager at (703) 432-1115.