

Training.

Respirator training should cover a number of key issues to ensure optimum respirator performance and protection for the user...





The need for protection

It is important to explain why and when the respirator is needed.





Maintenance procedures

What maintenance procedures need to be followed? i.e. filter replacement schedule, access to spare parts and cleaning materials.





Dust, mists, fumes



Gases and vapours Oxygen deficiency



Limitations of use

It is vital to explain what the respirator will protect the user from and what it won't!





Storage

If a respirator is designed to be used for more than one shift it must be stored properly between shifts to prevent loss, damage and contamination.

Just as important is how the respirator should be stored when not in use during breaks! Leaving a respirator in a contaminated workplace can result in contamination; meaning the user may be exposed to contaminants when they put it on again.





Putting on and removing respirator

Which is the correct way to do it?





Getting a good fit

There is little point in having a respirator which does not fit properly and lets contaminants through!

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