

Required Training Program:
Respiratory Program

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Description:

In certain situations, employees may need to wear respiratory protection in order to safely perform their jobs. No employee may wear any type of respirator prior to completion of all requirements within the Wellesley College respiratory protection program. The program includes training, selection and fit testing of an appropriate respirator; an annual respirator fit test, and a medical evaluation. Managers that believe that a specific job activity may involve a special hazard which cannot be controlled through engineering controls or modifications, can contact the EHS office for information regarding this program.

Responsible Agency(s): OSHA Standard, 29 CFR 1910.134

Requirements:

1. Initial Training (1) hr session
2. Annual Training
3. Annual respirator fit test
4. Initial and periodic medical evaluation

Written Program Yes

Training Provided By: EHS Office and on-line web based training

Applicable Departments/Shops: Carpentry, Custodial, Electrical, Grounds, Geology, Green House, Motor Pool, Paint, PERA, Plumbing, Power Plant, Science Center, Sheetmetal, Specialty, Steam. Power Plant,

Links:

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/respiratoryprotection/index.html>

Other Info:

- If any facial changes occur (ie. new beard), the employee must be re-fitted to the respirator prior to using.
- Medical evaluation consists of the completion a medical evaluation form. This form will be reviewed by a medical professional who will determine if additional examination is necessary. The EHS office will forward all completed medical evaluation forms to the occupational health clinic currently used by Wellesley College. All medical information is kept confidential.