



## Need to Know- Respirators



RESPIRATORS

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## Remember....

- Proper selection of respirators/filters:
  - Select based on the type of respiratory hazards workers are exposed
  - Use NIOSH certified respirators
  - Selected from different models and sizes to ensure proper fit
  - If exposure cannot be identified, the atmosphere should be considered IDLH
- Respirators shall be cleaned and stored as recommended by the manufacturer
- Inspect respirators prior to each use
- Medical evaluation must be provided by the employer to determine the employee's ability to use a respirator
- Medical evaluation questionnaire is mandatory
- Fit Testing:
  - Use the same brand, model and size of respirator that will be used,
  - Must be before first use,
  - NOTE: Facial hair **is not permitted** if employee will use a respirator that requires tight seal