

**WAC 296-307-61010 Store respirators properly.** (1) The employer must store respirators to protect them from ALL of the following:

- (a) Deformation of the facepiece or exhalation valve;
- (b) Sunlight or extreme temperatures or other conditions;
- (c) Contamination such as dust or damaging chemicals;
- (d) Excessive moisture.

**Note:** Use coffee cans, sealable plastic bags, or other suitable means of protection.

(2) The employer must follow these additional requirements for emergency respirators:

- (a) Keep respirators accessible to the work area;
- (b) Store respirators in compartments or with covers clearly marked as containing emergency respirators;
- (c) Follow additional storage instructions from the respirator manufacturer;
- (d) Store an adequate number of emergency respirators in each area where they may be needed.

**Note:** Emergency respirators include mouthpiece respirators and other respirators that are limited to escape-only use by their NIOSH certification.

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