

WAC 296-307-604 Medical evaluations.

Employer responsibility:

To make sure a respirator used under the employer's specific worksite conditions is not a health risk to employees.

Exemption:

This section does **NOT** apply to employees who **only** use:

1. Filtering-facepiece respirators voluntarily. See WAC 296-307-598 of this part for voluntary use requirements;

OR

2. Escape-only respirators that are mouthpiece, loose-fitting, or hooded respirators.

IMPORTANT:

Using a respirator can create physical risks for an employee each time it is worn. The extent of these risks depends on these factors:

1. Type of respirator;
2. Environmental conditions at the worksite;
3. Physical demands of the work;
4. Use of other protective clothing;
5. Employee's health status.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 20-21-091, § 296-307-604, filed 10/20/20, effective 11/20/20; WSR 05-01-166, § 296-307-604, filed 12/21/04, effective 4/2/05.]