

WAC 296-856-40030 Respirators.

IMPORTANT:

• The requirements in this section are in addition to the requirements found in the following separate chapters:

- Respiratory hazards, chapter 296-841 WAC.
- Respirators, chapter 296-842 WAC.

• Medical evaluations meeting all requirements of Medical and emergency evaluations, WAC 296-856-30020, will fulfill the medical evaluations requirements found in Respirators, chapter 296-842 WAC, a separate chapter.

(1) You must develop, implement, and maintain a respirator program as required by chapter 296-842 WAC, Respirators, which covers each employee required by this chapter to use a respirator.

Require that employees use respirators in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) Employees are in an exposure control area.
- (b) Feasible exposure controls are being put in place.
- (c) Where you determine that exposure controls are not feasible.
- (d) Feasible exposure controls do not reduce exposures to, or below, the PEL.
- (e) Employees are performing tasks presumed to have exposures above the PEL.
- (f) Emergencies.

(2) You must select, and provide to each employee who uses a respirator required by this chapter, an appropriate respirator as specified in this section and in WAC 296-842-13005 in the respirator rule.

(3) You must equip full-facepiece air-purifying respirators with cartridges or canisters approved for protection against formaldehyde.

(4) You must provide to employees, for escape, one of the following respirator options:

(a) A self-contained breathing apparatus operated in demand or pressure-demand mode;

OR

(b) A full-facepiece air-purifying respirator equipped with a chin-style, or front- or back-mounted industrial size canister or cartridge.

(5) You must make sure all air-purifying respirator use is accompanied by eye protection either through the use of full-facepiece models or effective, gas-proof chemical goggles.

(6) You must provide employees with powered air-purifying respirators (PAPRs) when:

(a) The employee has difficulty using a negative pressure respirator or a LHCP recommends this type of respirator;

AND

(b) The employee chooses to use this type of respirator.

(7) You must replace the chemical cartridges or canisters on air-purifying respirators;

(a) When indicated by NIOSH-approved, end-of-service-life indicators if these are used;

OR

(b) When NIOSH-approved ESLIs aren't used:

(i) At times specified by your cartridge change schedule;

OR

(ii) At the end of the work shift, when this occurs before the time indicated by your cartridge change schedule.

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