



Rochester Institute of Technology

Voluntary Use Form

❖ Information for Employees/Student Employees Using Respirators ❖

❖ *When Not Required Under 29 CFR 1910.134* ❖

To the employer:

The statement below must be read by all employees (or read to them in an understandable fashion) who are using respirators not required under the Respiratory Protection Standard. A copy of this document should be given to the employee.

To the employee/student:

Ensure you keep a copy of this form for your personal records.

EMPLOYEE/STUDENT INFORMATION

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| Employee/Student Name: | UID#: |
| Username: | Work Location: |
| Job Title: | Phone #: |

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have read and/or understand the information below (OSHA Respiratory Protection Statement) as is required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and have been provided with a copy of this document.

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| EMPLOYEE/STUDENT SIGNATURE: | DATE: | |
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OSHA RESPIRATORY PROTECTION STATEMENT

To The Respirator User:

Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn. Respirator use is encouraged, even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection for workers. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the worker. Sometimes, workers may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substance does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. If your employer provides respirators for your voluntary use, or if you provide your own respirator, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.

You Should Do The Following:

1. Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirators limitations.
2. Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant of concern. NIOSH, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification should appear on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.
3. Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which your respirator is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect you against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
4. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.

FORM RETENTION INFORMATION

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| Type of Respirator: | Location: |
| Date Filed: | Filed By: Phil VanChieri |

NOTE: To be filled by each employee if training and a roster sign-in form is not provided by EH&S.

Send completed form to: Environmental Safety & Health, Building 99 or email to ppvehs@rit.edu