Respiratory Protection Program Checklist

Each workplace must develop and implement a respiratory protection program (RRP) if their employees wear respirators. OSHA’s Respiratory Protection standard is covered under 29 CFR 1910.134 for general industry and construction employers. Below is a checklist to assist you in implementing your RPP. OSHA’s Small Business Handbook contains additional safety and health program checklists that are useful for employers and may be found [here](https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/small-business.pdf).

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| **Respiratory Protection** | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | **Comments** |
| To the extent feasible, engineering controls are used to prevent atmospheric contamination in the workplace . |  |  |  |  |
| Hazards that require the use of respiratory protection have been identified . |  |  |  |  |
| Appropriate respirators are provided for worker use . |  |  |  |  |
| A written respiratory protection program has been established and implemented in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910 .134(c) . |  |  |  |  |
| The written respiratory protection program provides workers with worksite-specific procedures for: selecting respirators; proper use of respirators in routine and reasonably foreseeable emergencies situations; and cleaning, disinfecting, storing, inspecting, repairing, discarding, and otherwise maintaining respirators . |  |  |  |  |
| As part of the respiratory protection program, workers are trained on the correct usage and limitations of the respirators . |  |  |  |  |
| Respirators are National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)- approved for the particular application . |  |  |  |  |
| Respirators are regularly inspected, cleaned, sanitized and maintained . |  |  |  |  |
| Before workers first use, or are fit-tested for, a respirator, they receive a medical evaluation in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 .134(e) . |  |  |  |  |

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| **Respiratory Protection** | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | **Comments** |
| Workers designated to wear tight-fitting respirators are fit-tested before their first use of a respirator and at least annually thereafter . |  |  |  |  |
| Workers are trained in the respiratory hazards to which they may be exposed . |  |  |  |  |
| Workers are trained at least annually in the proper use of respirators, including putting on and removing them, any limitations on their use, and their maintenance . |  |  |  |  |
| Respirators are stored in a manner and location to protect them from damage, contamination, dust, sunlight, extreme temperatures, excessive moisture, and damaging chemicals, and are packed or stored to prevent deformation of the facepiece and exhalation valve . |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency respirators are kept accessible to the work area, and the storage location is  marked as containing emergency respirators . |  |  |  |  |

**Additional Resources**

* OSHA Regulations: [29 CFR 1910..134, Respiratory Protection](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.134) [here](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.134AppD).
* [OSHA: Respiratory Protection](https://www.osha.gov/respiratory-protection) [here](https://www.osha.gov/respiratory-protection/standards).
* [OSHA: Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respiratory Protection Standard](https://www.osha.gov/Publications/3384small-entity-for-respiratory-protection-standard-rev.pdf) [here](https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/3384small-entity-for-respiratory-protection-standard-rev.pdf).
* OSHA: Respiratory Protection publications [here](https://www.osha.gov/publications/bytopic/respiratory-protection).
* OSHA INFOSHEET: Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire [here](https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3790.pdf).
* OSHA: Hospital Respiratory Protection Program Toolkit [here](https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3767.pdf).
* [NIOSH: Respirators](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/respirators/) [here](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/respirators/default.html).