

Respirator Protection:

Principal Investigators, Directors, Supervisors, and Faculties' Responsibilities

P rincipal Investigators, Directors, Supervisors, and Faculties are responsible for ensuring that employees, students, and visiting scholars under their supervision wear respiratory protection when needed. Responsibility for complying with the Respiratory Protection Program rests with the immediate Principal investigator, Director, or Manager. Their responsibilities include:



implementing the Respiratory Protection Program in their work area;



identifying individuals and their jobs or tasks which may require respiratory protection and providing this information to the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator, and seeking assistance in evaluation of respiratory hazards;



purchasing respirators based on the recommendations of the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator and making them available for users;



enforcing the proper use of respirators;



ensuring that respirators are properly cleaned, maintained, and stored;



ensuring that respirator users, under their supervision, receive appropriate training, medical evaluation, and initial and annual fit testing; and,



identifying changes in jobs or tasks which may require a re-evaluation of respirator use and notifying the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator.



Quick Take

- See our [Respiratory Protection Program](#) for more information.
- Seek assistance in the evaluation of respiratory hazards.
- Contact the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator by clicking [here](#).
- Individuals must be [medically cleared](#) before getting fitted for a respirator.