

## Respirator Protection:

### Principal Investigators, Directors, Supervisors, and Faculties' Responsibilities

**P** principal Investigators, Directors, Supervisors, and Faculties are responsible for ensuring that employees, students, and volunteers/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 evaluation of respiratory hazards.
- Contact the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator by clicking [here](#).
- Individuals must be [medically cleared](#) prior to getting fitted for a respirator.