



Safety Tips

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.



Does Your Respirator Fit?

Your respirator is one of your most valuable tools and personal protective equipment.

One of the most important things you can do is to take care of it and make sure it is in good working condition. A daily inspection should include, but not be limited to:

Do you clean it immediately after each use?

Are the straps in good condition and adjust easily?

Are the lenses clear and provide an unobstructed view when worn?

Are the cartridges replaced as recommended by the manufacturer?

Are you using the correct cartridge for the application?

Is the inside of the mask, that contacts your face, disinfected and clean?

Do you store it properly in your vehicle to prevent contamination exposure to dirt, dust, chemicals, moisture, etc?

Another important issue is “Does your mask fit properly?” When you place it on your face and cover the intakes, does it seal to your face or does it leak around the fit of your face? A respirator is of no value if it does not fit well enough to prevent air intake around the rubber face seal.

A third important issue is “can you breath adequately while wearing the respirator?” Be sure you can breath adequately. If not, the cartridges may be obstructed or clogged. Check the cartridges, clear any obstruction(s) and replace the cartridges if necessary. If you cannot breath comfortably wearing your respirator, advise your supervisor immediately. If this is the case, do not proceed on into a hazard or confined space without resolving the problem first. Improper air exchange can cause health problems as well as possible loss of consciousness or unnecessary and dangerous exposure to airborne elements.

It is a good idea to consider an examination by a PLHCP (physician or licensed health care professional) and completed an evaluation to determine that you are able to perform normal duties that require the use of a respirator without signs of stress to your respiratory system, you may?

**CHECK YOUR RESPIRATOR, KEEP IT CLEAN, STORE IT PROPERLY
AND WEAR IT WHEN NEEDED**