



Do you or your employees make applications in enclosed spaces, such as greenhouses? Do you come into contact with harmful dusts, gases, vapors or mists?

Then you may be required to wear a respirator!



Why have respirator requirements changed under WPS?

- To ensure that respirators are providing the intended protection
- Respirators may place a physiological burden on the wearer
- All other industries require these protections



For questions on how to comply with the WPS requirements related to respirator use, please contact :

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Respirator Requirements



Under the 2015 Revised Worker Protection Standard



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Using a Pesticide that Requires a Respirator?

Then you must provide these protections to yourself and your employees.

Medical Evaluation

- Employers must provide a medical evaluation at no cost to the employee, prior to any respirator use
- Employee fills out standard OSHA questionnaire and may submit to a physician or licensed health care professional. Convenient online services are also available
- Medical evaluation is only required once, unless medical professional recommends more frequent evaluation, medical conditions arise, or a fit test indicates a need for re-evaluation



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- An annual fit test is required for all tight-fitting respirators, where required by the pesticide label
- Employer may administer fit test, or may use an external provider
- Administered after receiving medical clearance
- Fit test must be conducted with the same make, model, style & size of respirator to be worn
- Includes particulate filtering facepiece respirators (dust/mist respirators, e.g., N95 respirator)

Go to pested.osu.edu/wps for more information on medical evaluations, fit testing, training, and recordkeeping.

Respirator Training

- Employers must offer training annually, or when workplace conditions change, or a new type of respirator is used
- How to inspect, use, and perform seal checks
- Respirator maintenance and storage
- How to select cartridges/canisters & change-out schedule
- How to recognize medical signs that limit effective use of respirators

Recordkeeping

- Records must be maintained for 2 years
- Name of employee
- Type of fit test performed
- Make, model & size of respirator tested
- Date and results of fit test