

Respirators

Chapter 296-842 WAC

Scope



WAC 296-842-100

This chapter applies to all use of respirators at work.

Important:

Before you decide to use respirators, you're required to evaluate respiratory hazards and implement control methods as outlined in chapter 296-841 WAC, Airborne Contaminants.

The term "respiratory hazards" will be used throughout this chapter to refer to oxygen deficient conditions and harmful airborne hazards.



Definition:

Respirators are a type of personal protective equipment designed to protect the wearer from respiratory hazards.



Reference:

See WAC 296-800-160, Personal protective equipment (PPE) to find requirements for other types of PPE such as eye, hand, and head protection.

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You can use Table 1 for general guidance on which chapter sections apply to you.

Table 1 Chapter Sections that apply to your workplace						
If employees	Then the sections marked with an "X" apply					
	105	110	120	130-210	220	300
Request and are permitted to voluntarily use filtering-facepiece respirators, and are not exposed to a respiratory hazard		X				X
Request and are permitted to voluntarily use respirators that are not filtering-facepiece respirators, and are not exposed to a respiratory hazard	X	X			X	X
Are required to use any respirator by WISHA or the employer	X		X	X	X	X
Would use an escape respirator in an emergency	X		X	X	X	X