

Respirator Safety Checklist				
Location/Department:	Date of Inspection:			
Inspectors:				
Corrective Actions: Work order/memos were issued: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date issued:				
The following safety and health checklist is based on the MIOSHA standards. It may not include <i>all</i> conditions, as it is intended to be used only as a guide.				
Topic Description	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Basics of respirator use:				
Are air-supplying type used when area has too little oxygen				
Are air-purifying type used when area has enough oxygen, but dangerous levels of an airborne contaminant				
Wear the type of respirator specified for the job and hazards				
Check the cartridge/canister color-coding to be sure the respirator protects against the specific contaminant				
When working in hazardous environments, do you have "buddy" stand by during use to provide rescue if wearer is overcome				
When working in hazardous environments, do employees wear safety harness or line when required				
To get a good fit:				
Are respirators fit tested				
Is fit checked before each use to be sure respirator:				
Is secure but not too tight around chin				
Allows room to move head and talk				
Doesn't slip or pinch nose				
Do employees report any fit or use problems				
Are employees told to be alert for common fitting problems, such as:				
Breathing difficulties				

Respirator Safety Checklist (continued)				
Topic Description	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Heat sensitivity				
Heart condition				
Fear of confined spaces				
Missing dentures				
Facial hair or facial structure				
Skull caps				
Eyeglasses (Note: These should not be worn if they interfere with the fit.)				
Contact lenses (Caution: These should <i>not</i> be worn.)				
Do you practice tasks while wearing respirator				
In order to maintain respirators properly:				
Are they inspected before and after each use for:				
Tight connections				
Holes, tears, or snags				
Deterioration of rubber parts in face piece and its seal, headband, valves, connecting tube, fittings, and canister or cartridge				
Dents or corrosion in filters, cartridges and canisters				
Are employees told to be sure air or oxygen cylinders are fully charged before use				
Do employees check that regulators and warning devices work properly				
Do employees wash and sanitize after each use				
Are repairs left to specially trained technicians				

