



# Environmental Health & Safety

## Policy & Procedure #4

**TITLE**

**UNIVERSITY RESPIRATORY PROTECTION POLICY**

**OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE**

To establish procedures for a respiratory protection program that will protect all university employees from over-exposure to airborne contaminants.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**ACTION**

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR/ EH&S**

- ◆ Shall develop and administer a Respiratory Protection Program which includes:
  - (1) Conducting air monitoring to evaluate exposure to airborne contaminants.
  - (2) Scheduling and/or conducting necessary training.
  - (3) Conducting fit testing.
  - (4) Assisting Departments with proper respirator selection.
  - (5) Evaluating and updating program as needed.

**DEPARTMENTS**

- ◆ Shall implement the respiratory protection by:
  - (1) Informing EH&S of the possible need for air monitoring when a MSDS indicates that respiratory protection may be required, or product should be used in a well-ventilated area.
  - (2) Providing appropriate respirators and accessories at no cost to all affected employees.
  - (3) Ensuring identified employees have received training, fit testing and annual medical evaluation.
  - (4) Ensuring respirators are cleaned, maintained and stored according to the Respiratory Protection Program.
  - (5) Being aware of tasks requiring respiratory protection.
  - (6) Enforcing the proper use of respirators.

**AFFECTED EMPLOYEES**

- ◆ Shall participate in the program by:
  - (1) Using, maintaining and storing respirators properly.
  - (2) Informing supervisor if respirator no longer fits well.
  - (3) Informing supervisor or the Program Administrator of any respiratory hazards that may not be adequately addressed.

**REFERENCE**

- ◆ 29 CFR 1910.134 & FAU Respiratory Protection Program.

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