

# Choosing and Using Respiratory Protection

**Always use the right respiratory protection for the job.**

## **Filtration respirators:**

- 🧑‍🚒 filter out dusts, fumes and mists.
- 🧑‍🚒 are usually disposable dust masks or respirators with disposable filters.
- 🧑‍🚒 should be replaced when they become discolored or clogged.

## **Air-Purifying Respirators:**

- 🧑‍🚒 contain replaceable chemical cartridges or canisters that take the contaminant out of circulation.
- 🧑‍🚒 may be color coded to help you select the right one.
- 🧑‍🚒 may require more than one cartridge to protect against multiple hazards.

## **Air-Supplying Respirators:**

- 🧑‍🚒 provide clean air from an outside source when the air around you is simply too dangerous to breathe.
- 🧑‍🚒 may be self-contained—a portable air tank—or attached to an air hose.

## **When Using Respirators, Always...**

- 🧑‍🚒 Use the right respirator for the job.
- 🧑‍🚒 Make sure you are fit-tested regularly for the respirator issued to you.
- 🧑‍🚒 Make sure the face mask fits properly (including facial hair causing problems with sealing surface). Check your respirator's fit each time you put it on before entering an exposure area.
- 🧑‍🚒 Keep your respirator clean and well maintained. Store it in a convenient, clean and sanitary location.
- 🧑‍🚒 Follow safety guidelines.
- 🧑‍🚒 Replace filters or cartridges as needed.



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