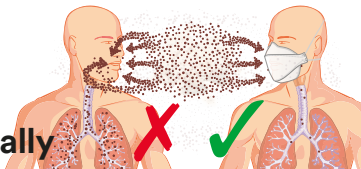


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Take your safety personally

Respirators vs surgical masks



Respirators

- ▶ Reduce exposure to airborne particles.
- ▶ Different levels of protection available.
- ▶ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- ▶ Require wearer to be clean shaven.

Surgical masks

- ▶ Prevent particles being expelled.
- ▶ Not Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- ▶ Certified under Medical Devices Directive.
- ▶ Not designed to seal tightly to the face: air leakage is likely.

Fit test

The responsibility of the employer

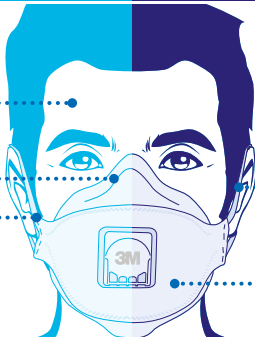
Fit testing should happen during the initial selection of RPE

Faces vary in shape and size so choosing correct product is important

Good seal

Tight-fitting

Fit test methods include qualitative taste test and quantitative particle counting device



Fit check

The responsibility of the wearer

Work-related respiratory disease may be reduced

Fit checking is good practice

Users to be trained

Wearer is responsible for checking for fit every time

Use pressure techniques to judge the quality of fit

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