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## **Who Has To Use a Respirator**

The OSHA respirator standard applies to all occupational airborne exposures to contaminated air where the employee is:

1. Exposed to a hazardous level of an airborne contaminant; or
2. Required by the employer to wear respirators; or
3. Permitted to wear respirators.

Four major duties are imposed by each of these standards. These duties are:

- Use engineering controls where feasible to control the hazard;
- Provide an appropriate respirator;
- Ensure the use of an appropriate respirator; and
- Institute a respiratory protection program that complies with the rest of the standard.

29 CFR 1910 Subpart I, Personal protective equipment. OSHA Standard.  
1910.134, Respiratory protection  
1910.134(a), Permissible practice