

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Respiratory Protection Program

1910.134 Subpart I

This document presents a brief overview and summary of the official written program. The official program is a comprehensive guide to assist District staff in complying with the requirements of the OSHA standard.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the Saint Paul School District Respiratory Protection Program is to protect the health of employees when respirators are needed and provide training.

PROCEDURES:

General Requirements

- ESG responsible for communicating and implementing all aspects of the program.

Employee Training

- Employees who require a respirator will attend an initial Medical examination where it will be determined if they are able to wear a respirator
- If able to use a respirator, then they will be trained as to how to use, care, and maintain the respirator

Program Specific Requirements:

- Employees are required to attend a medical examination/training on an annual basis to maintain use of respirator
- The following medical tests will be completed at the initial/re-examination:
 - basic physical examination
 - pulmonary function test
 - x-ray
 - any other tests/examinations deemed necessary by the physician
- Final approval to wear a respirator shall be determined by the physician

Other Specialized Items and Information:

- If it has been determined that an employee requires respiratory protection, the employee shall select a respirator of their choice, as supplied by the District according to the following guidelines:
 - Respirator selected must be National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Certified
 - Selection shall consider facial irregularities (e.g., scars, dentures, and facial hair) and the workload of the employee in comparison with any possible resistance/stress placed upon the employee's respiratory system by the protective device
 - Designed and properly fitted to match the hazards
 - Appropriately sized for the individual
 - Respirator is used by one individual only*
 - Employee assumes responsibility of the respirator care and cleaning

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS:

Records:

- Maintained by ESG and available upon request.
- Contact Information: Environmental Services Group | Phone: 651.744.1800
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