

SAFETY TALK

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION



To protect you from breathing contaminated air, you may be required to wear a respirator. Examples of dangerous air contaminants could include some: gases, vapor, dust, fibers, mists, fumes, bacteria, spores, and infectious agents.

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ?

- Wear the required protective equipment as a condition of employment
- Participate in all aspects of the program including health surveillance, fit testing and training before wearing a respirator
- Inform the OHS LPN if any condition occurs that may influence the proper fit of the assigned respirator
- Follow instructions for use, care (including cleaning where applicable), storage and maintenance as outlined by this program
- Remain clean shaven where the seal on tight fitting respirators meets the skin on the face
- Be aware of respiratory protection requirements of their work area

TYPES OF RESPIRATORS

Depending on the type of work being conducted, and on the air contaminant present, a specific respirator will be required.



N95



**AIR PURIFYING RESPIRATOR
HALF FACE**

**Did you know Health PEI has
a Respiratory Protection
Policy?
You can find it on the Policy
Document Management
System (PDMS)**

FIT TESTING

An initial fit test should be conducted at the beginning of employment with Health PEI, and then every a fit every 2 years or if there is significant changes to your face due to scarring, surgery or weight gain or loss (more than 10% of your body weight). Please remember you must be clean shaven and refrain from smoking/vaping for 30 minutes prior to your appointment.

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:

<https://widgets.skipthewaitingroom.com/healthpeiemployeeclinics>

Email: n95appointment@ihis.org

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

DATE: _____
FACILITY: _____

SAFETY TALK LEAD BY: _____
DEPARTMENT: _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

HAVE YOU BEEN FIT TESTED FOR A RESPIRATOR?

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE SPECIFIC HAZARDS IN YOUR WORK AREA REQUIRING A RESPIRATOR?

EMPLOYEE CONCERNS & IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

FOLLOW UP ON CONCERNS:

If you have any feedback on the Safety Talks program or a suggestion for a Safety Talk, please contact a member of the Wellness & Safety Team or email healthpeihr@ihis.org.

Safety Talks can be found on the Staff Resource Centre at: <https://src.healthpei.ca/safety-talks>