

THE USE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING EQUIPMENT

1. Written procedures shall be prepared covering safe use of respirators in dangerous atmospheres which might be encountered in normal operations or emergencies. Personnel shall be familiar with these procedures and the available respirators.
2. Respirators shall be inspected frequently at random to insure that they are properly used, cleaned and maintained.
3. Anyone who may use the respirators shall be trained in how to insure proper face piece to face seal. They shall wear respirators in normal air, and then wear it in a test atmosphere. (NOTE: Such items as facial hair, beard, or sideburns, and eyeglass temple pieces will not allow a proper seal). Anyone who may be reasonably expected to wear respirators should have these items removed before entering a toxic atmosphere. A special mask must be obtained for anyone who must wear eyeglasses. Contact lenses should not be allowed.
4. Maintenance and care of respirators:
 - A. A program for maintenance and care of respirators should include the following:
 - a. Inspection for defects, including leak checks
 - b. Cleaning and disinfecting
 - c. Repair
 - d. Storage
 - B. Inspection: Self-contained breathing apparatus for emergency use shall be inspected monthly for the following, and a permanent record kept of these inspections.
 - a. Fully charged cylinders
 - b. Regulator and warning device operation
 - c. Conditions of face piece and connections
 - d. Elastomer or rubber parts shall be stretched or massaged to keep them pliable and prevent deterioration.
 - C. Routinely used respirators shall be collected, cleaned and disinfected as frequently as necessary to insure proper protection usage by the local company.