

Weekly Safety Meeting

Safety by Design hopes you and your team benefit from this Tool Box Talk. Please note that this Tool Box Talk is intended as an overview of key points regarding this subject and is not intended to be complete training in accordance with any regulatory standards. If you have any questions or would like to obtain the appropriate training, please call Safety by Design at (832) 425-0556, or email us at info@safetybydesigninc.com. Thank you, and remember to always stay safe.

Company Name	Project Name	Supervisor	Date

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

OSHA’s Personal Protective Equipment Standard - Respiratory Protection (1910.134) may require us to wear some type of respirators while we’re sawing, chipping, grinding, sanding, excavating, painting, installing insulation, mixing cement, working in confined spaces, and other types of construction activities.

If a respiratory hazard exists, that is not effectively controlled with engineering controls such as local exhaust ventilation or other control methods, you **MUST** wear respiratory protection; however before you wear a respirator you must complete certain requirements including:

- Fit Testing
- Medical Questionnaire
- Training

FIT TESTING

- Administered by a qualified technician.
- Determines how well a respirator “fits”—that is, whether the respirator forms a seal on the user’s face.
- Without a good seal, the respirator can allow contaminants to leak into the user’s breathing air.
- Determines what size respirator you would wear.

Tasks that may require you to wear respirators include but are not limited to:

➤ Confined Spaces	➤ Dusty Conditions
➤ Sawing/Chipping/Grinding/Drilling	➤ Painting (Spray, etc.)
➤ Asbestos Exposure	➤ Lead Exposure
➤ Demolition (lead, asbestos, cancer-causing agents, etc.)	➤ Dry-Wall Sanding
➤ Blowing Insulation (attics, basements, wall, etc.)	➤ Mixing Cement

RESPIRATOR USE

- Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer
- Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant of concern.
- Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which your respirator is not designed to protect against.
- Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else’s respirator.

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OSHA's Respiratory Standard is rapidly becoming one of OSHA's TOP 10 MOST CITED VIOLATIONS, primarily because both workers and employers are not familiarizing themselves with the need for respiratory protection on the jobsite.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS COVERED: (I.E. Hazcom, Emergency Plan)

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MEETING ATTENDEES:

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Basic Fire Safety

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