



# WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT POLICY

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## Safety Policy 01-050-05

## RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

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1. **PURPOSE:** This policy is designed to establish a procedure that provides a means of safe respirator use by staff to reduce their exposure to hazardous airborne contaminants or hazardous environments.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to all State/civilian department employees. This policy does not apply to federal personnel to include Active Guard and Reserves (AGRs) and traditional guardsmen in a federal military status or military technicians.
3. **REFERENCES:**
  - a. Chapter 296-841 WAC, Respiratory Hazards
  - b. Chapter 296-842 WAC, Respirators
  - c. MIL FORM 903 Respirator Training Record
  - d. MIL FORM 900 Respirator Medical Evaluation
  - e. MIL FORM 902 Qualitative Respirator Fit – Testing Record
  - f. MIL FORM 905 Self - Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Inspection Record
  - g. MIL FORM 904 Industrial Respirator Cleaning and Inspection Log
  - h. MIL FORM 901 PLHCP Information and Response Sheet
  - i. Title 30, Code of Fed Reg, Part 1
4. **TERMS:**
  - a. ANSI - American National Standards Institute
  - b. CDC - Centers for Disease Control
  - c. HRDIS –Human Resource Development Information System
  - c. IDLH - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health
  - d. NIOSH - National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
  - e. OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Act
  - f. PAPR - Positive Air Purifying Respirator
  - g. PEL - Permissible Exposure Limit
  - h. PLHCP - Physician or appropriate Licensed Health Care Provider
  - i. SCBA - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
  - j. WISHA – Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act
5. **POLICY:**
  - a. The Department recognizes that properly fitted and maintained respirators contribute significantly to a safe and healthful working environment for employees who work in potentially dangerous atmospheres. In any location where a respirator is utilized, there shall be a designated respirator program administrator, knowledgeable in the respirator requirements, to administrator and develop procedures for the implementation and maintenance of the respiratory protection program.

b. General Requirements

- (1) Department directors who have employees that are required to wear a respirator shall designate a staff person as the Respirator Program Administrator and develop procedures for the implementation, administration, monitoring, evaluation, and maintenance of the respiratory protection program.
- (2) Mandatory Use
  - (a) Staff assigned to wear respirators shall follow the procedures outlined in this Policy.
  - (b) Be medically cleared to wear respirators
  - (c) Be fit-tested.
  - (d) Remain clean-shaven in the area of the respirator fit.

This policy will be reviewed and updated on a regular as needed basis.

  
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