

Respiratory Protection

The N-95 Particulate respirator

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Respiratory Protection

- N95 respirator provides protection against particulates, not vapors or lack of oxygen
- They need to fit, to provide proper protection
- Cannot have anything between the seal of the mask and the skin (Facial hair, etc)
- FIT CHECK respirator each time you put it on
- If intermittent use during a work-shift, store away from contaminants, inside a plastic bag
- Dispose of respirator after each work shift

N-95 Respirator

Protection from:

- Particulates
- Non-oil based liquid mists

NO Protection:

- Chemical Gases or vapors
- Oil aerosols
- Asbestos, lead, cadmium
- Lack of Oxygen
- Eye protection

Respirator must FIT to provide proper protection

Nothing between skin and seal on the mask.

- Facial hair
- Glasses

Select Proper size- Verified through annual Fit-testing (Utilize same size and make which you were fit-tested)

Fit-Check Before Each use



Storage and Disposal

Dispose when damaged, soiled or when breathing becomes difficult and after each day's use.

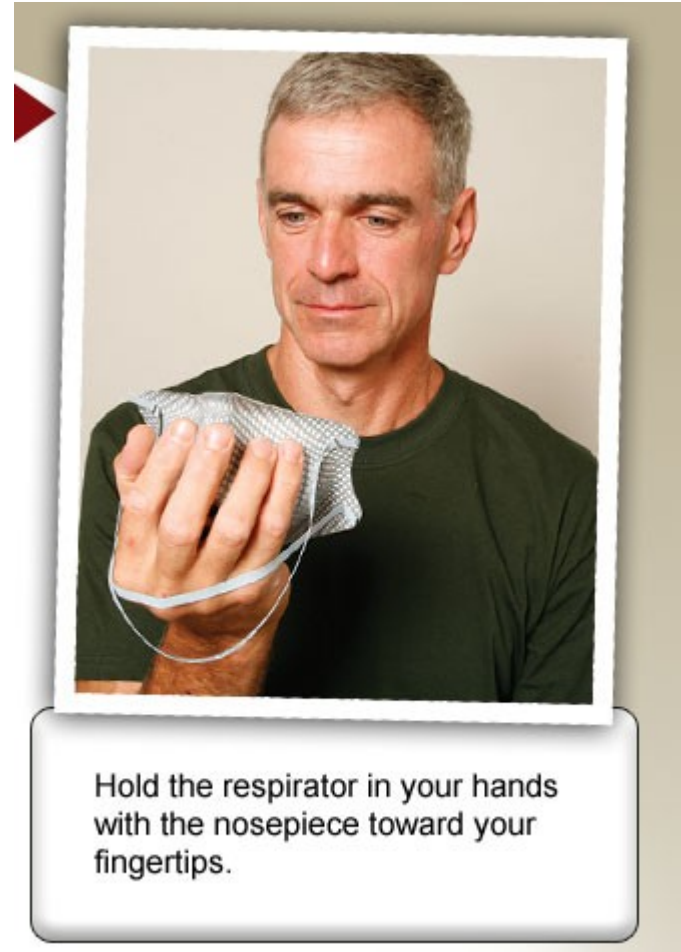
If used intermittently, store respirator away from contamination, in plastic container



STEPS TO WEARING RESPIRATOR....

Step 1

- Have straps over hand



Step 2

Hold over face



Step 3 and 4



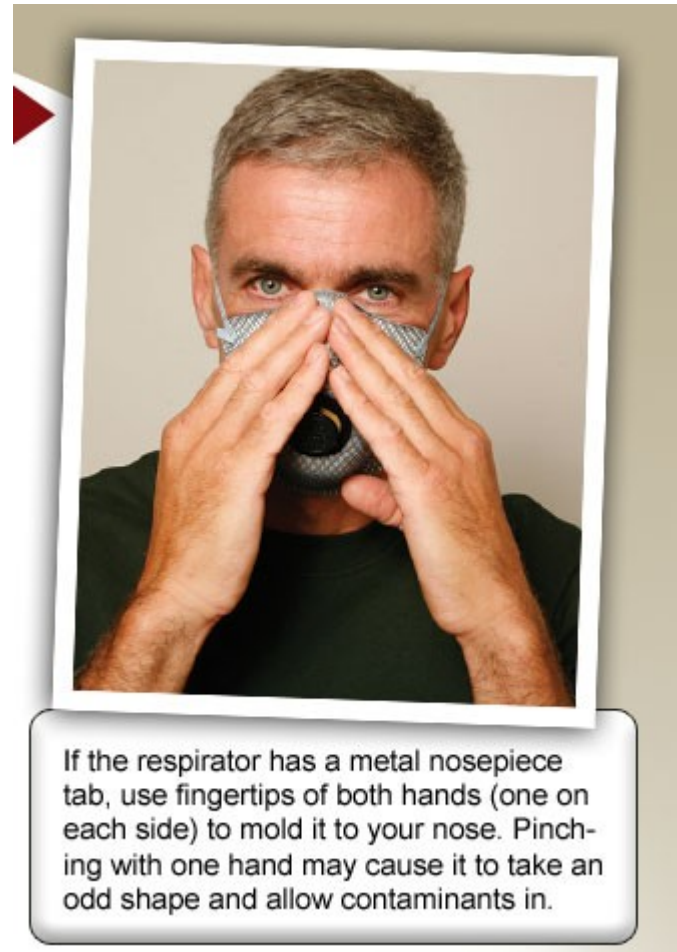
Pull the top strap over your head.
The strap goes over the back of
your head above your ears.



Pull the shorter bottom strap over
your head, below your ears. It goes
around your neck.

Step 5

Gently mold nosepiece
to your nose using
BOTH hands



Perform a Fit Check

Perform fit check

- Cover mask with hands, inhale, mask should collapse
- Exhale with a “puff”, note if air is escaping from around the mask
- Adjust mask if necessary
- Adjust straps in the back of the head to “snug” top or bottom of mask

FIT check every use of mask



REMOVAL

SLOWLY...

- Without touching the respirator, lift the bottom strap from around your neck up and over your head.
- Then lift off the top strap

Avoid “snapping off” the face

Highlights

- Select properly fitted size and model respirator
- Fit check each time you wear respirator
- Have nothing between face and seal on mask
- Use only **NIOSH APPROVED** respirators
(“**NIOSH**” printed on respirator)