



STEPS FOR EMPLOYEE DUST MASK USE

1. Dust masks should only be given to employees if they request one.
2. Before any employee uses a dust mask, they must complete a medical questionnaire and receive Gove Health Center and Office of Safety approval for use. (See attached medical questionnaire form.)
3. Follow manufacturer's instructions on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings.
4. Send employee to Office of Safety for training on dust mask use.
5. Only use respirators certified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Look for the NIOSH certificate on the package. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for.
6. A dust mask will only provide protection against dust particles. It will not protect employees against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke. It will not provide oxygen in atmospheres that do not contain sufficient levels of oxygen.
7. Dust masks should not be shared by employees.
8. Dust masks are considered disposable and should be thrown away when visibly dirty.