

Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) Safe Use Checklist

Use the checklist below to ensure that RPE is being used correctly.

For support in carrying out a more detailed assessment or review, please contact the Health, Safety and Welfare Team by e-mailing: safetyadvice@gov.im

Department:

Address:

Carried Out by:

Date Carried Out:

All RPE:	Yes	No
<p>Do you always:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the equipment is in good working order before putting it on, even when new? • Use all the straps provided, making sure they are correctly positioned and adjusted? • Follow the manufacturer’s instructions e.g. for filter changes? • Clean and store the RPE properly, paying special attention to the valves on reusable RPE? • Ensure the other PPE you need to wear is compatible with the respirator? 		
<p>Do you avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of filtering respirators in oxygen-deficient atmospheres? • Using particle-only filters against gas/vapour, or gas/vapour-only filters against particulates? • Using if dirty, damaged or incomplete. 		
<p>Powered Respirators:</p>		
<p>Do you always:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the fan is providing enough airflow before you use the device? • Fit identical filters to a multi-filter unit and change all the filters together? 		
<p>Do you avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping on working if the fan stops or the flow rate falls? <p>(Leave the work area immediately.)</p>		
<p>Non-powered Respirators:</p>		
<p>Do you always:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit two identical filters to a twin-filter respirator? 		
<p>Breathing Apparatus:</p>		



<p>Do you always:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look after your supply hose during use – your life may depend on it? • Ensure that an adequate clean air supply is available for all users? • Check the compressed air quality meets the minimum requirements of BS EN 12021? • Plan your exit from the contaminated area so you don't run out of air? 		
<p>Do you avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placing the hose inlet near potential sources of contamination e.g. vehicle exhausts? • Using the equipment without the waist belt? • Using a light-duty airline hose where there is any potential for crushing by vehicles or tripping up passers-by? • Keeping on working if the airflow rate drops, or any warning devices are activated? (Leave the work area immediately.) 		

