

COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course ID: Model Specific

RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING: AIR PURIFICATION

(North Full & Half, 3M Full & Half, and other mask brands as required)

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course covers both the theory and practical aspects of wearing a respirator. The content is designed to meet the CSA standard *CAN/CSA-Z94.4-11 - Selection, Use, and Care of Respirators,* as well as the requirements for instruction and training as defined in *Ontario Regulation 278/05, s. 19(3)*:

- a) the limitations of the equipment;
- b) inspection and maintenance of the equipment;
- c) proper fitting of a respirator; and
- d) respirator cleaning and disinfection.

Participants are assessed on their understanding of basic respirator concepts. Following the written assessment, participants receive a quantitative fit test using a PortaCount to determine their proper mask size and fit factor. The practical application of this training requires the participant to properly don the mask and demonstrate both a positive and negative check to test for a proper seal.

PROGRAM CONTENT

- Purpose of respiratory protection
- Limitations of air purifying respirators
- Correct method for wearing a full or half-face respirator
- How to check for an effective seal in the field
- Respirator maintenance and cleaning

TARGET AUDIENCE

Any person required to wear respiratory protection.

PREREQUISITES

Participants must comply with the Safety Partnership standards for facial hair and for facial piercings, which can be viewed on the IEC website.

TRAINING TIME (hours):

Timing depends on the number of masks being fitted as well as the participant's prior level of experience with wearing a respirator. Scheduled appointments typically range from 30-60 minutes.

RECERTIFICATION

24 months