

# SAFETY WALKAROUND CHECKLIST RESPIRATORS


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Location: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check the box if the statement is true.
- Fill in the blanks where the  appears.

## NOTES

### WRITTEN PROGRAM

- The company has a current, written Respiratory Protection Program. [1531(f)]



Copies are available at: \_\_\_\_\_

### RESPIRATOR USE

- Respirators are always provided by the company and used by workers when contaminant levels may be above the Cal/OSHA permissible exposure limit (PEL) for any hazardous substance, or when working in any dangerous atmosphere. [1531(a)]
- Potentially hazardous exposures on this site, and type of respirator(s) required, have been identified. [1509]



Fill in the chart on page 3.

- Respirators are equipped with the right type of cartridges for the particular contaminant. [1531(b)]
- Paper dust masks are not used to control exposure to asbestos [1529(i)] or other toxic chemicals. [1531(b)]
- Air supplied respirators (not air purifying respirators) are worn in low oxygen areas. [1531(b)]

Possible low oxygen area(s) on this site:



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- Workers wearing respirators are clean-shaven at the points of seal. [1531(c)]
- Workers perform positive and negative pressure tests each time they put a respirator on. [1531(c)]
- Respirators, cartridges, and replacement parts have been approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) or the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). [1531(b)]
- Workers who wear respirators have been medically evaluated, fit-tested, and trained. [1531(c) and (h)]

### **AIRLINE RESPIRATORS**

- Breathing air is “Grade D” and free from any harmful substances. [1531(e)(1)]
- If a compressor is used, it is equipped with Cal/OSHA required safety and standby devices, including an alarm which signals system failure. [1531(e)(3)]
- Breathing gas cylinders are labeled with the words AIR or OXYGEN. [1531(e)(2)]
- Airline couplings are unique (incompatible with other outlets) to prevent accidentally connecting the respirator to hazardous gases. [1531(e)(4)]

### **RESPIRATOR CARE**

- Respirators are stored in impermeable bags out of the work area when not in use. [1531(d)] (Impermeable plastic, wood, or metal boxes are also permissible.)
- Respirators are cleaned prior to storage. [1531(d)]
- Cartridges are replaced on a routine basis, as specified in the company’s written Respiratory Protection Program. [1531(f)]
- Workers inspect respirators for damage prior to each use. [1531(c)]
- Workers don’t wear respirators with damaged straps or facepieces. [1531(c)]
- Replacement parts are obtained only from the original manufacturer or authorized vendor, and are designed for that respirator. [1531(b)]



# **SAFETY WALKAROUND CHECKLIST GENERAL INSPECTION**

<i>Other Hazards Noted</i>	<i>Action</i>

***Near Miss Reports:***

***Other:***