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## Safety Office Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Respiratory Protection Training

### I. Introduction

This SOP supports the University of Wyoming (UW) Respiratory Protection Program by providing specific information regarding respiratory protection training. Online training and classroom training is offered from the UW Safety Office. For online training, students must pass a competency exam for the course to be considered complete. For classroom training, students must pass a competency exam with a score equal to or greater than 80%. If respiratory hazards or respiratory protection equipment use changes or if an employee's actions indicate they have not retained sufficient knowledge, additional training or retraining will be completed. For specific questions regarding this SOP, contact the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator at: 766-3203.

### II. Scope

This SOP applies to the UW Respiratory Protection Program training process for new enrollees and for personnel who are currently enrolled.

### III. Procedure

Personnel must complete respiratory protection training initially before utilizing respiratory protection and annually thereafter. For annual refresher training, the training must be completed before the annual fit test is conducted.

Specifically, the training shall include:

- Information regarding the UW Respiratory Protection Program.
- General requirements of the Wyoming OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Chapter 9, Subpart I, 1910.134).
- Respiratory hazards encountered at UW facilities and their potential health effects.
- Proper selection and use of respiratory protection equipment.
- Respiratory protection equipment limitations and capabilities.
- Engineering controls versus respiratory protection equipment use.
- Respiratory protection equipment donning/doffing and user seal checks.
- Fit testing.
- Respiratory protection equipment maintenance and storage.
- Medical evaluation requirements.
- Respiratory protection equipment selection rationale.
- Medical signs and symptoms limiting the effective use of respiratory protection equipment.

Personnel may complete the training online or the UW Safety Office may present the training in a classroom setting.



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## **IV. References**

UW Respiratory Protection Program  
29 CFR 1910.134