

University of Delaware
Environmental Health and Safety Protocol

Section: General Health and Safety
Protocol Name: Respiratory Protection Program
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I. SCOPE OF PROTOCOL

This protocol addresses the University's written Respiratory Protection Program and applies to all University personnel, visitors and contract personnel in applicable University facilities and/or University operations whose work may require them to utilize respiratory protection equipment.

II. DEFINITIONS

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III. PROTOCOL STATEMENT

This protocol is developed to establish uniform administrative procedures and minimum requirements related to respiratory protection.

- A. In the control of those occupational diseases caused by breathing air contaminated with harmful dusts, fogs, fumes, mists, gases, smokes, sprays, or vapors, the primary objective shall be to prevent atmospheric contamination.
- B. This shall be accomplished as far as feasible by accepted engineering control measures (for example, enclosure or confinement of the operation, general and local ventilation, and substitution of less toxic materials). When effective engineering controls are not feasible, or while they are being instituted, appropriate respirators shall be used.

IV. PROTOCOL STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

- A. The Environmental Health and Safety office (EHS) shall write and maintain the written Respiratory Protection Program Manual. EHS is responsible for the management and implementation of the program.
- B. The Environmental Health and Safety office shall have the authority to require the use of respiratory protection.
- C. Employees shall utilize and maintain respiratory protective equipment in accordance with procedures outlined in the written respiratory protection program

For more information about this safety protocol and the University's Respiratory Protection Program contact the Environmental Health and Safety Office 302-831-8475.