

**WAC 296-307-598 Voluntary respirator use requirements.**

**Your responsibility:**

To make sure voluntary use of respirators by employees does not create job safety or health hazards.

**You must:**

Make sure voluntary use of respirators is safe

WAC 296-307-59805

Keep voluntary use respirator program records

WAC 296-307-59810.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Respirator use is NOT voluntary if a respiratory hazard, such as exposure to a substance over the permissible exposure limit (PEL) or hazardous exposure to an airborne biological hazard, is present.

- To evaluate respiratory hazards in your workplace, see WAC 296-307-624, Respiratory hazards.

- Some requirements in this section do not apply if only filtering-facepiece respirators are used voluntarily. Some filtering-facepiece respirators are equipped with a sorbent layer for absorbing "nuisance" organic vapors. These can be used for voluntary use, but are not NIOSH certified for protection against hazardous concentrations of organic vapor.

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