**WAC 296-307-60605 Conduct fit testing.**

**You must:**
- Provide, at no cost to the employee, fit tests for **ALL** tight fitting respirators on the following schedule:
  - Before employees are assigned duties that may require the use of respirators
  - At least every twelve months after initial testing
  - Whenever any of the following occurs:
    - A different respirator facepiece is chosen such as a different type, model, style, or size
    - You become aware of a physical change in an employee that could affect respirator fit. For example, you may observe, or be told about, facial scarring, dental changes, cosmetic surgery, or obvious weight changes
    - An employee notifies you, or your LHCP, that the respirator fit is unacceptable. During the retest, you must give an employee reasonable opportunity to select a different respirator facepiece (size, model, etc.).

**Note:** You may accept a fit test completed by a previous employer IF:
- You obtain written documentation of the fit test
- The results of the fit test are not more than twelve months old
- The employee will use the same respirator (the same type, model, style, and size)
- The fit test was conducted in a way that meets the requirements of WAC 296-307-606 and 296-307-62010.

**You must:**
- Select an appropriate fit-testing procedure from WAC 296-307-62010 of this part **AND:**
  - Use quantitative fit-test methods when a negative pressure respirator will be used in concentrations requiring a protection factor greater than 10. This includes:
    - Full facepiece air-purifying respirators
    - SCBAs operated in demand (negative pressure) mode
    - Air-line respirators operated in demand mode.
  - Make sure PAPRs, SCBAs, or air-line respirators are fit tested in negative-pressure mode.
  - Make sure the person conducting fit testing is able to do **ALL** of the following:
    - Prepare test solutions if required
    - Make sure equipment works properly
    - Perform tests properly
    - Recognize invalid tests
    - Calculate fit factors properly if required.

**Note:**
- No specific training program or certification is required for those who conduct fit tests.
- You should consider evaluating these individuals to determine their proficiency in the fit-testing method to be used.
- You can use an evaluation form such as the form included in the American National Standard for Respirator Fit Testing Methods, ANSI/AIHA Z88.10-2001 to determine if the individual meets these requirements. Visit www.ansi.org or www.aiha.org.

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