

**WAC 296-62-08015 Respiratory protection.** (1) General. Where respiratory protection is required by this section, the employer must provide each employee an appropriate respirator that complies with the requirements of this chapter. Respiratory protection is required during:

(a) Periods necessary to install or implement feasible engineering and work practice controls;

(b) Work operations, such as maintenance and repair activities, for which engineering and work practice controls are not feasible;

(c) Work operations for which an employer has implemented all feasible engineering and work practice controls and such controls are not sufficient to reduce exposures to or below the PEL;

(d) Work operations where employees are exposed above the PEL for fewer than thirty days per year, and the employer has elected not to implement engineering and work practice controls to achieve the PEL; or

(e) Emergencies.

(2) Respiratory protection program. Where respirator use is required by this section, the employer must institute a respiratory protection program in accordance with chapter 296-842 WAC, Respirators, which covers each employee required to use a respirator.

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