

WAC 296-307-61005 Maintain respirators in a clean and reliable condition.

You must:

- Make sure respirators are kept, at no cost to the employee, clean, sanitary and in good working order. Do at least the following:
 - Clean and disinfect respirators as often as specified in Table 8 of this section.

Note:

- Use required cleaning and disinfecting procedures in WAC 296-307-62015, or the manufacturer's procedures that:
 - Result in a clean and sanitary respirator
 - Do not damage the respirator
 - Do not harm the user
- Automated cleaning and disinfecting are permitted
- Cleaning and disinfecting may be done by a central facility as long as you make sure respirators provided are clean, sanitary, and function properly.

You must:

- Make sure respirators are assembled properly after cleaning or disinfecting.

Use Table 8 to determine how often to clean and disinfect respirators.

**Table 8
Required Frequencies for Cleaning and Disinfecting Respirators**

If, the respirator will be ...	Then, clean and disinfect the respirator ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used exclusively by one employee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As often as needed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep it clean and functional <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> - To prevent health hazards such as skin irritation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared for nonemergency use <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used for fit-testing or training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before it is worn by another employee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared for emergency use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use so the respirator is immediately ready for use at all times

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