

Dust Mask Acknowledgement

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This sample acknowledgement form is provided only as a template to assist your company in complying with the acknowledgement requirements for employees using respirators when not required under the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.134 Respiratory Protection standard. It is not intended to supersede the requirements detailed in the OSHA regulation.

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Information and Acknowledgement Form for Employees Using Respirators When Not Required Under the OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.134, Appendix D.

You have indicated that you wish to voluntarily wear a respiratory protection device. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires the following information to be supplied to employees who wish to use respiratory protection devices voluntarily. Please read this information and sign the form to indicate that you have received this information.

Appendix D

When properly selected and worn, respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards. Sometimes, workers may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substance does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. Respirator use is encouraged, even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection for workers. However, if a respirator is used improperly or it's not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard. If your employer provides respirators for your voluntary use, or if you provide your own respirator, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.

You should do the following:

1. Read and follow all manufacturer's instructions on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and heed warnings regarding the respirator's limitations.
2. Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant of concern. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (NIOSH), certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification on the respirator or respirator packaging describes what the respirator is designed for and how much protection it will provide.
3. Do not wear the respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants it is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
4. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.

I acknowledge that I have read Appendix D under 29 CFR 1910.134. I have discussed this document and the limitations of the respirator I will be using. I will receive a signed copy of this document from my supervisor for my records.

Employee Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

