

Respiratory Protection Regulations for Pesticides

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The regulations concerning respiratory protection when using pesticides in California are found in Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 6739. The general information covered in this regulation are as follows:

- (a) General Requirements of the Regulation
- (b) Voluntary Use of Respiratory Protection
- (c) Selection of Respirators
- (d) Medical Evaluation of Employees Required to Wear Respirators
- (e) Fit Testing
- (f) Facepiece Seal Protection and Fitting Requirements
- (g) IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health) Environments
- (h) Cleaning and Disinfecting
- (i) Emergency Respirators
- (j) Inspection and Repair
- (k) Breathing Air Quality for Air Supplying Respirators
- (l) Identification of filters, cartridges, and canisters
- (m) Training of Employees Required to Wear Respirators
- (n) Program Evaluation by Management
- (o) End of Service Life and Change-outs for Filters and Cartridges
- (p) Recordkeeping Requirements
- (q) Medical Evaluation Form
- (r) Voluntary Use Information Posting Form
- (s) Medical Recommendation

Must develop a written program with worksite-specific procedures when respirators are necessary or required by the employer

Written programs must incorporate all of the following elements:

Respiratory Protection Program Elements

- ☞ Selection
- ☞ Medical evaluation
- ☞ Fit testing
- ☞ Proper use for routine and emergency
- ☞ Maintenance, cleaning and care
- ☞ Ensure breathing air quality
- ☞ Training in respiratory hazards (IDLH if applicable)
- ☞ Training in donning, doffing, limitations
- ☞ Program evaluation