

## FIND & FIX HAZARDS: USING RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

The International Safety Equipment Association is a proud Partner of the national Safe + Sound Campaign. The Safe + Sound Campaign encourages every workplace in the U.S. to have a safety and health program, a proactive approach to identifying and managing workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness.

In 2016, there were **4,500 estimated nonfatal injuries** from acute inhalation of harmful substances (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Chronic exposures to harmful substances remains an even bigger hazard. Finding and fixing hazards ensures workers go home safe and sound every day. Respirators protect workers against insufficient oxygen environments, harmful dusts, fogs, smokes, mists, gases, vapors, and sprays. These hazards may cause cancer, lung impairment, diseases, or death. Use the information below to make sure that your respiratory protection program is protecting your workers.

### CORE ELEMENTS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMS

#### 1. Management Leadership



#### 2. Worker Participation



#### 3. Finding & Fixing Hazards



### RESOURCES ON RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

- [ISEA: How to Comply with Respiratory Protection Standards](#)
- [OSHA's Respiratory Protection Topics Page](#): OSHA Safety and Health Topics Page. Provides information on respiratory protection.
  - [Training Videos](#): Topics include: fit testing, medical evaluations, respirator types, voluntary use of respirators, training requirements, donning & doffing, counterfeit respirators, maintenance and care, and the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134). Many are offered in both English and Spanish.
  - [Respiratory Protection eTool](#)
  - [Small Entity Compliance Guide for Respiratory Protection](#)
- [NIOSH Respiratory Protection Page](#): NIOSH topics page on respiratory protection.
  - [Blog on Facial Hair Styles and Respiratory Protection](#)
  - [Respiratory Selection Logic Guidance](#)
- [Respiratory Protection Infographics](#)