

Respiratory Protection Decision Flow Chart

The allowable use of a respirator depends on certain circumstances; two scenarios in which an employee may wear a respirator are:

1. **Employee must wear a respirator due to job-site conditions;** if concentrations of airborne contaminants cannot be effectively minimized to below permissible exposure limits through engineering or administrative controls then respiratory protection must be worn.
2. **Voluntary use by employee;** an employee may choose to wear a respirator under voluntary conditions when concentrations of airborne contaminants are below legal permissible exposure limits.

