
Repeat Fit Testing

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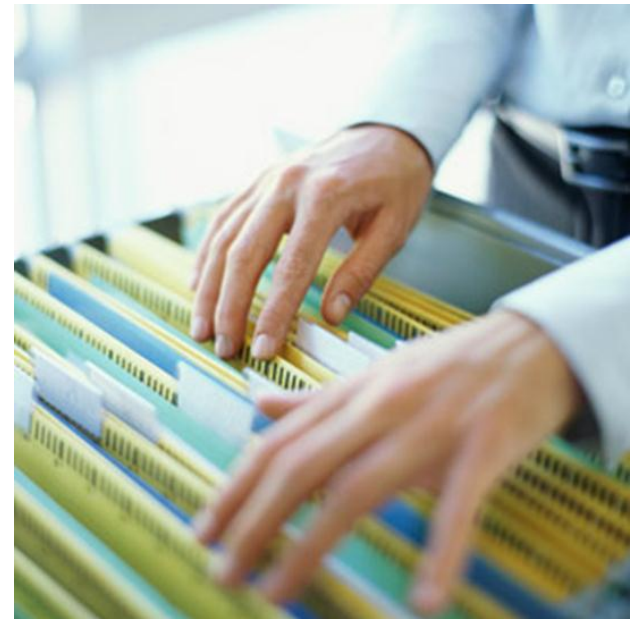
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Outline

Repeat Fit Testing

- **Why repeat testing is important**
- **What do users think**
- **Current guidance**



Why is repeat fit testing important?

A number of different reasons:

1. Does the mask still fit?
2. Re-training & assurance for the wearer
3. Employer Liability



1. Does the mask still fit?

Wearer / Facepiece Suitability

Changes to the wearer:

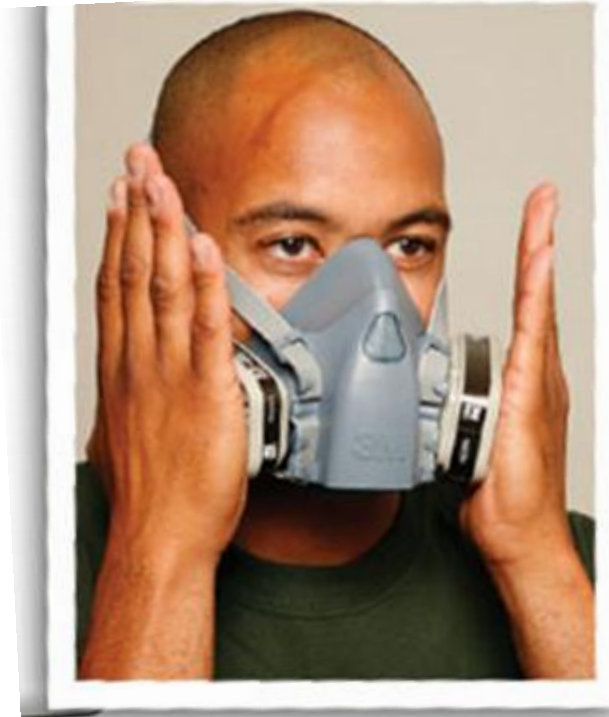
- Gain / Loss of weight
- Scars, moles, accidents
- Dentures & dental treatment
- Hairline
- Ageing skin / muscle tone



2. Re-training for the wearer

Training & Reassurance

- Donning & Doffing techniques
- Pre-use fit check
- RPE maintenance
- Filter / mask suitability
- RPE use
- Forum for any RPE issues



3. Employers Liability

Liability & compliance

- Compliance with guidance (varies by country)
- Employers liability insurance
- Signpost to regulators and enforces that you take your RPE programme seriously
- Look after wearer's health



What do end users think?

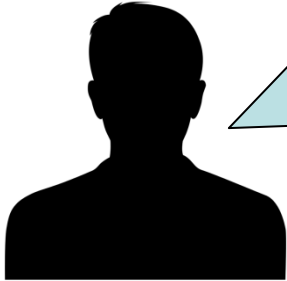
I think that repeat testing is a good idea but the problem is that it's really difficult to get this organised with our changing workforce...



Tom – Construction Industry



What do end-users think?



We conduct repeat testing every year as we get everyone together for their refresher health & safety training anyway. The guys are happy with this and it seems like a good thing to do...

Simon – Manufacturing Industry



What do end-users think?

We have a company policy in place to conduct repeat fit testing every 3 years, but I am worried that this is not enough...what does guidance say?



Anne – Power Station



US Guidance – NIOSH

Providing National and World Leadership
to Prevent Workplace Illnesses and Injuries



NIOSH

Repeat testing required if:

- Weight fluctuates or facial/dental alterations occur
- Otherwise, fit testing should be completed at least annually to ensure continued adequate fit



UK Guidance – HSE282/28

Health and Safety Executive		Operational Circular	
		OC 282/28	
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Repeat Testing required if....

- **Facial Changes: gain or loss of weight, substantial dental work**
- **If Health & Safety Policy requires it**
- **Good practice to ensure repeat testing on a regular basis. Especially important where RPE is used as Primary means of exposure control (eg annual repeat testing for Asbestos)**



UK Guidance – Asbestos

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It is good practice to have a system in place to ensure repeat fit testing of RPE is carried out regularly, eg annual testing for workers involved in licensed asbestos removal.



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