






GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

When a Respirator ***IS NOT*** Required by Employer, Label, Restricted Material Permit Condition, or Regulation (Voluntary Use)

What Section 6739 Provisions You Need to Follow to Get Started See reverse for details on getting started.	Type of Respirator to be used				
	Filtering Face Piece (Dust Mask)	Negative Pressure Tight-Fitting Half Face Respirator	Negative Pressure Full Face Tight-Fitting Respirator	Tight-Fitting Powered Air-Purifying Respirators	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
					
(a) Written Respiratory Protection Program	Only those provisions necessary to ensure employee is medically able (Only if employer provides the respirator)				
(d) Medical Evaluation	REQUIRED (Only if employer provides the respirator)				
(d)(1)(A) Find Physician or Licensed Health Care Professional (PLHCP)					
(d)(3) Administer Medical Questionnaire and Examination confidentially					
(d)(5) Obtain Medical Recommendation, use form in subsection (s)					
(e) Conduct Fit Test	NOT REQUIRED				
(r) Voluntary Respirator Provision Information	REQUIRED				

This information is *not* intended to be all inclusive. Employers seeking compliance are responsible for implementing the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Section 6739, as written.

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Voluntary Respirator Provision Compliance

6739 (d) Medical Evaluation – Conduct a medical evaluation before the employee is fit tested or uses the respirator for work. The medical evaluation process involves the following:

1. Identify a physician or licensed health care professional (PLHCP)
2. Either have employee fill out medical questionnaire found in California Code of Regulation (CCR), section 6739 (q) **OR** send employee to the PLHCP for an initial medical examination
 - a. Employee fills out the questionnaire during work hours and confidentially
3. Provide the PLHCP with the following:
 - a. The type and weight of respirator
 - b. How often and how long the respirator will be worn
 - c. The type of work to be performed
 - d. Other PPE that will be worn
 - e. The temperature extremes expected
 - f. A copy of your written respiratory protection program and a copy of CCR, section 6739.
 - g. The Medical Recommendation form found in CCR, section 6739 (s)
4. After the medical evaluation, make certain to obtain the completed Medical Recommendation form you originally gave the PLHCP. You will need this for your records.

6739 (r) Voluntary Respirator Provision Information – After you establish that an employee is medically able to wear a respirator (not including filtering face piece respirators/dust mask):

1. You need to provide the employee with the information contained in CCR, section 6739 (r).
2. The information in section 6739 (r) can be displayed with the Hazard Communication Information for Employees Handling Pesticides in Agricultural Settings (Pesticide Safety Information Series Leaflet A-8), or Hazard Communication Information for Employees Handling Pesticides in Noncrop Settings (Information Series Leaflet N-8), at a central location in the workplace.

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