



# RESPIRATOR MEDICAL EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

## Part A

**To the employer:** \_\_\_\_\_ Answers to questions in Section 1, and to question 9 in Section 2 of Part A, do not require a medical examination. However, certain responses, or patterns of response, may lead the reviewer to request further information, or a medical examination, in order to reach a conclusion regarding the employee's ability to safely use a respirator.

**To the employee, SSN:** \_\_\_\_\_ Your employer must allow you to answer this questionnaire during normal working hours, or at a time and place that is convenient to you. To maintain your confidentiality, your employer or supervisor must not look at or review your answers, and your employer must tell you how to deliver or send this questionnaire to the healthcare professional who will review it.

CAN YOU READ?      YES      NO

### Part A. Section 1. (Mandatory)

Every employee who has been selected to use **any** type of respirator must provide the following information.

1. Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your age (to nearest year): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sex:      Male      Female
5. Your height:      ft.      in.
6. Your weight:      lbs.
7. Your job title: \_\_\_\_\_
8. A phone number where you can be reached by the healthcare professional who reviews this questionnaire (include the Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_
9. The best time to phone you at this number: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Has your employer told you how to contact the health care professional who will review this questionnaire?      Yes      No
11. Check the type of respirator you will use (you can check more than one category):
  - a.      N, R, or P disposable respirator (filter-mask, non-cartridge type only).
  - b.      Other type (for example, half- or full-face piece type, powered-air purifying, supplied-air, self-contained breathing apparatus).
12. Have you worn a respirator?      Yes      No  
If "yes" what type(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Part A. Section 2. (Mandatory)**

Every employee who has been selected to use **any** type of respirator must answer questions 1 through 9 below.

1. Do you currently smoke tobacco, or have you smoked tobacco in the last month?
2. Have you ever had any of the following conditions?
  - a. Seizures (fits):
  - b. Diabetes (sugar disease):
  - c. Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing:
  - d. Claustrophobia (fear of closed-in places):
  - e. Trouble smelling odors:
3. Have you ever had any of the following pulmonary or lung problems?
  - a. Asbestosis:
  - b. Asthma:
  - c. Chronic bronchitis:
  - d. Emphysema:
  - e. Pneumonia:
  - f. Tuberculosis:
  - g. Silicosis:
  - h. Pneumothorax (collapsed lung):
  - i. Lung cancer:
  - j. Broken ribs:
  - k. Any chest injuries or surgeries:
  - l. Any other lung problem that you've been told about:
4. Do you currently have any of the following symptoms of pulmonary or lung illness?
  - a. Shortness of breath:
  - b. Shortness of breath when walking fast on level ground or walking up a slight hill or incline:
  - c. Shortness of breath when walking with other people at an ordinary pace or level ground:
  - d. Have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on level ground:
  - e. Shortness of breath when washing or dressing yourself:
  - f. Shortness of breath that interferes with your job:
  - g. Coughing that produces phlegm (thick sputum):
  - h. Coughing that wakes you early in the morning:
  - i. Coughing that occurs mostly when you are lying down:
  - j. Coughing up blood in the last month:
  - k. Wheezing:
  - l. Wheezing that interferes with your job:
  - m. Chest pain when you breathe deeply:
  - n. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to lung problems:

**Part A. Section 2. (Mandatory) (Continued)**

5. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?
  - a. Heart attack:
  - b. Stroke:
  - c. Angina:
  - d. Heart failure:
  - e. Swelling in your legs or feet (not caused by walking):
  - f. Heart arrhythmia (heart beating irregularly):
  - g. High blood pressure:
  - h. Any other heart problem that you've been told about:
  
6. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?
  - a. Frequent pain or tightness in your chest:
  - b. Pain or tightness in your chest during physical activity:
  - c. Pain or tightness in your chest that interferes with your job:
  - d. In the past two years, have you noticed your heart skipping or missing a beat:
  - e. Heartburn or indigestion that is not related to eating:
  - f. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to heart or circulation problems:
  
7. Do you currently take medication for any of the following problems?
  - a. Breathing or lung problems:
  - b. Heart trouble:
  - c. Blood pressure:
  - d. Seizures (fits):
  
8. If you've used a respirator, have you ever had any of the following problems?
  - a. Eye irritation:
  - b. Skin allergies or rashes:
  - c. Anxiety:
  - d. General weakness or fatigue:
  - e. Any other problem that interferes with your use of a respirator:
  
9. Would you like to talk to the healthcare professional who will review this questionnaire about your answers to this questionnaire?

*Questions 10 to 15 below must be answered by every employee who has been selected to use either a full-face piece respirator or a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). For employees who have been selected to use other types of respirators, answering these questions is voluntary.*

10. Have you ever lost vision in either eye (temporarily or permanently)?
11. Do you currently have any of the following vision problems?
  - a. Wear contact lenses:
  - b. Wear glasses:
  - c. Color blind:
  - d. Any other eye or vision problem:
12. Have you ever had an injury to your ears, including a broken ear drum?
13. Do you currently have any of the following hearing problems?
  - a. Difficulty hearing:
  - b. Wear a hearing aid:
  - c. Any other hearing or ear problem:
14. Have you ever had a back injury?
15. Do you currently have any of the following musculoskeletal problems?
  - a. Weakness in any of your arms, hands, legs, or feet:
  - b. Back pain:
  - c. Difficulty fully moving your arms and legs:
  - d. Pain or stiffness when you lean forward or backward at the waist:
  - e. Difficulty fully moving your head up or down:
  - f. Difficulty fully moving your head side to side:
  - g. Difficulty bending at your knees:
  - h. Difficulty squatting to the ground:
  - i. Climbing a flight of stairs or a ladder carrying more than 25 lbs:
  - j. Any other muscle or skeletal problem that interferes with using a respirator:



# Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire

## Part B Discretionary Questions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title not in List: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Work Conditions:*

1. In your present job, are you working at high altitudes (over 5,000 feet) or in a place that has lower than normal amounts of oxygen?

If "yes," do you have feelings of dizziness, shortness of breath, pounding in your chest, or other symptoms when you're working under these conditions?

2. Will you be working under hot conditions (temperature exceeding 77 deg. F)?
3. Will you be working under humid conditions?
4. Will you be using any of the following items with your respirator(s)?

- a. HEPA Filters:
- b. Canisters (for example, gas masks):
- c. Cartridges:

5. How often are you expected to use the respirator(s)?

- a. Escape only (no rescue):
- b. Emergency rescue only:
- c. Less than 5 hours per week:
- d. Less than 2 hours per day:
- e. 2 to 4 hours per day:
- f. Over 4 hours per day:

6. During the period you are using the respirator(s), is your work effort **Light**, **Moderate** or **Heavy**?

Examples of a **light** work effort:

**Sitting** while writing, typing, drafting, or performing light assembly work; or **Standing** while operating a drill press (1-3 lbs.) or controlling machines.

Examples of **moderate** work effort:

**Sitting** while nailing or filing; **Driving** a truck or bus in urban traffic; **Standing** while drilling, nailing, performing assembly work, or transferring a moderate load (about 35 lbs.) at trunk level;

**Walking** on a level surface about 2 mph or down a 5-degree grade about 3 mph; or **Pushing** a wheelbarrow with a heavy load (about 100 lbs.) on a level surface.

Examples of **heavy** work:

**Lifting** a heavy load (about 50 lbs.) from the floor to your waist or shoulder; working on a loading dock; **Shoveling; Standing** while bricklaying or chipping castings;  
**Walking** up an 8-degree grade about 2 mph; climbing stairs with a heavy load (about 50 lbs.).

If "yes," how long does this period last during the average shift:

- a. **Light** (less than 200 kcal per hour):  
\_\_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mins.
- b. **Moderate** (200 to 350 kcal per hour):  
\_\_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mins.
- c. **Heavy** (above 350 kcal per hour):  
\_\_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mins.

7. Will you be wearing protective clothing and/or equipment (other than the respirator) when you're using your respirator?

If "yes," describe this protective clothing and/or equipment:

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8. Describe the work you'll be doing while you're using your respirator(s):

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9. Describe any special or hazardous conditions you might encounter when you're using your respirator(s) (Examples: confined spaces, life-threatening gases):

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10. Describe any special responsibilities you'll have while using your respirator(s) that may affect the safety and well-being of others (Examples: rescue, security):

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***Exposures: Work and Home***

11. Have you ever worked on a HAZMAT team?

12. Provide the following information, if you know it, for each toxic substance that you will be exposed to when you're using your respirator(s):

Name of Toxic Substance	Estimated Maximum Exposure Level per Shift	Duration of Exposure per Shift

The names of any other toxic substances that you'll be exposed to while using your respirator:

13. At work or at home, have you ever been exposed to hazardous solvents, hazardous airborne chemicals (e.g., gases, fumes, or dust), or have you come into skin contact with hazardous chemicals?

If "yes," name the chemicals if you know them:

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14. Have you ever worked with any of the materials, or under any of the conditions, listed below?

- a. Asbestos:
- b. Silica (e.g., in sandblasting):
- c. Tungsten/cobalt (e.g., grinding or welding this material):
- d. Beryllium:
- e. Aluminum:
- f. Coal (for example, mining):
- g. Iron:
- h. Tin:
- i. Dusty environments:
- j. Any other hazardous exposures:

If "yes," describe these exposures:

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15. Have you been in the military services?

If "yes," were you exposed to biological or chemical agents in training or combat:

***Personal/Social/Medical//Occupational History***

16. List any second jobs or side businesses you have:

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17. List your previous occupations:

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18. List your current and previous hobbies:

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19. Other than medications for breathing and lung problems, heart trouble, blood pressure, and seizures mentioned earlier in this questionnaire, are you taking any other medications for any reason (including over-the-counter medications)?

If "yes," name the medications if you know them:

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