

Clean Shaven Requirement N95 Respirators

Why do staff need to be clean shaven for fit testing or to wear a respirator?

Facial hair will interfere with the ability to get a good seal. Staff must be clean shaven where the respirator **seals to the face** (as per the CSA Standard) for fit testing or when wearing the respirator.







Acceptable facial hair for respirator fit testing and use **DOES NOT** interfere with

- (a) the respirator sealing surface; or
- (b) valve or respirator function.

A. Clean-shaven, ideal for a good seal	
B. Amount of facial hair that will typically allow a good seal	
C. Moustache that does not interfere with the sealing surface, valves, or respirator function	
D. Soul patch that does not interfere with the sealing surface, valves, or respirator function	

Unacceptable facial hair for respirator fit testing and use **DOES** interfere with

- (a) the respirator sealing surface; or
- (b) valve or respirator function.

<p>E. Soul patch that will interfere with the respirator seal in the chin area on elastomeric facepieces Facial hair and sideburns that will interfere with the sealing surface</p>	
<p>F. This facial "shadow" (not clean-shaven) will interfere with the sealing surface of a half or full facepiece. It will also compromise a secondary seal inside a tight-fitting hood-style respirator. Degradation of fit can occur during cumulative work hours when an individual grows this amount of facial hair.</p>	
<p>G. Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); <u>will contact</u> a sealing surface and interfere with exhalation valve. Sideburns and/or heavy hair under the chin will prevent a good seal.</p>	
<p>H. Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); <u>will contact</u> a sealing surface and could get stuck in an exhalation valve. The hair on the rest of the face will interfere with a sealing surface.</p>	
<p>I. Hair is in sealing region and under the chin. Hair is in chin cup sealing region and on the side of the face.</p>	
<p>J. Moustache is too thick and too long; will contact a sealing surface and interfere with <u>exhalation</u> valve.</p>	

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