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Physical Plant Department  
**SAFETY SHORT**

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## **RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**

### **PRIOR to utilizing a respirator:**

- You must be “enrolled” in the UVM Respiratory Protection Program (even the voluntary use of a respirator). Many PPD employees are already enrolled in the program.

Enrollment in the UVM Respiratory Program includes completing the following procedures:

- Work with your Supervisor or Manager to determine if there is a requirement to utilize a respirator when completing your job duties (is there potential for airborne contaminant exposure?). If you need assistance in this determination, TCO can assist.
- If it is determined that you are required (or wish to use a respirator voluntarily) to wear a respirator, please contact TCO to arrange for an OSHA Physical to determine your ability to use a respirator.
- Contact TCO to complete the required respiratory protection training (to learn the how’s and why’s of utilizing a respirator).
- Once you have medical approval and completed the training (and have been issued a respirator) contact TCO to complete a “fit test” to determine if your respirator fits you correctly.
- TCO can be reached at [tco@uvm.edu](mailto:tco@uvm.edu) or 6-SAFE for assistance

**This Safety Short is to remind us all we have a role to play in keeping UVM safe!**

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