

POLICY CONCEPT FORM

Name and UO Title/Affiliation:	Kassy Fisher, Associate Vice President for Campus Services and Chief of Staff
Policy Title/# (if applicable):	Respiratory Protection Program/ 08.00.05
Submitted on Behalf Of:	Jamie Moffitt, VPFA and CFO
Responsible Executive Officer:	Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO

SELECT ONE: **New Policy** **Revision** **Repeal**

Click the box to select

HAS THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REVIEWED THIS CONCEPT: **Yes** **No**

If yes, which attorney(s): Bryan Dearing

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER

Include the policy name and number of any existing policies associated with this concept.

The UO policy 08.00.05, “Respiratory Protection Program” was last updated in 1991 and established the authority of the office of Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) to develop and implement procedures necessary for the safe use of respiratory protection equipment, including the authority to halt any university operation where respiratory hazards made personal injury likely.

<https://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/08-health-and-safety/respiratory-protection-program>

RELATED STATUTES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, ETC.

List known statutes, regulations, policies (including unit level policies), or similar related to or impacted by the concept. Include hyperlinks where possible, excerpts when practical (e.g. a short statute), or attachments if necessary. Examples: statute that negates the need for or requires updates to an existing policy; unit level policy(ies) proposed for University-wide enactment; or existing policies used in a new, merged and updated policy.

UO IV.05.01 “Safety – Physical Space and Environment” (<https://policies.uoregon.edu/vol-4-finance-administration-infrastructure/ch-5-public-safety/safety-physical-space-and-environment>, updated in March 2017— Clearly defines responsibilities for implementing occupational safety standards, including the authority of the office of EHS to halt university operations when personal injury is imminent.

US Department of Labor “Occupational Safety and Health Standards” 19 CFR 1910.134-- A federal regulation adopted by the State of Oregon that outlines procedures necessary for the safe use of respiratory protection equipment. These are made easily accessible to UO employees for review and reference on the Safety and Risk Services website (<https://safety.uoregon.edu/respiratory-protection-program>).

STATEMENT OF NEED

What does this concept accomplish and why is it necessary?

Repeal is proposed because this policy is duplicative of state and federal regulatory requirements, and all policy elements unique to the university have been superseded by, or adopted into, other university policy.

AFFECTED PARTIES

Who is impacted by this change, and how?

NA – No actual changes in effect from a repeal

CONSULTED STAKEHOLDERS

Which offices/departments have reviewed your concept and are they confirmed as supportive? (Please do not provide a list of every individual consulted. Remain focused on stakeholders (e.g. ASUO, Office of the Provost, Registrar, Title IX Coordinator, etc.).)

Name	Office	Date
Haily Griffith	Environmental Health and Safety	Dec 2018
Steve Stuckmeyer	Environmental Health and Safety	Dec 2018
Andre Le Duc	Safety and Risk Services	Dec 2018
Members of the Safety Advisory Committee*	Representatives from Human Resources, Unions, Athletics, Health Center, Housing, Campus Planning and Facilities Management, and the OA Council, etc.	Dec 2018

*The Safety Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend repeal at its December 2018 meeting.

Reason for Policy

To establish the procedures and requirements necessary for the protection of all employees and students from respiratory hazards.

Entities Affected by this Policy

Web Site Address for this Policy

<http://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/08-health-and-safety/respiratory-protection-program>

Responsible Office

Office of the Vice President of Finance and Administration: 541-346-3003, vpfa@uoregon.edu

Enactment & Revision History

02/08/2010 Policy number revised from 8.000 to 08.00.05

Issued by VP for Administration; Reviewed and Approved by President's Staff: 07/24/1991

05/04/1984 Originally issued

Policy

It is the policy of the University of Oregon to assure, as far as possible, safe and healthful working and living conditions for employees and students. This commitment extends to respiratory hazards. The Department of Public Safety, through the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS), is authorized to develop and implement procedures that are necessary for the safe use of respiratory protection equipment. OEHS personnel have authority to halt any operation at the University where there is a likelihood of personal injury from respiratory hazards. Respirators are to be used only where engineering control of respiratory hazards is not feasible, while engineering controls are being installed, or in emergencies.

To assist employees, students, supervisors, and the faculty, the Environmental Health and Safety Office has written and made available for affected University personnel a Respirator User Guide. Copies will be provided to users. Departments engaged in hazardous work where respirators are used are required to send all affected employees and students to OEHS for medical history review, training, and fit testing before using a respirator. Departments shall not issue respiratory protection equipment, but may stock replacement parts. All equipment and

cartridges are supplied through OEHS. Costs will be recharged to the employee's department or paid directly by the student.

A respirator will not be issued to, nor used by a person with an excess amount of facial hair. Beards are expressly prohibited; other conditions will be examined on a case-by-case basis. Respirators and cartridges will be assigned to individuals, not to a department, section shop, or group.

All activities involving the use of respiratory protection equipment in facilities controlled by the University of Oregon shall be conducted in compliance with applicable Oregon Administrative Rules and the Respirator User Guide.

Related Resources

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