

## CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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### Should you wear a respirator?



Most big box stores have respirators ready for purchase, but **should YOU use one?**

The simple answer NO, not until EHS evaluates your space and process. The University follows OSHA's **Respiratory Protection Program** and EHS will evaluate:

- **Hazard type.** Particulates and organic vapors are two different hazard types and each require a specific respirator filter.
- **Fitness and Function.** If your process does require respirator use, you must be medically cleared and fit-tested before using a respirator.

If you believe your work requires a respirator, contact EHS **BEFORE** you purchase or use one.

### NSC Safety Posters

Are you looking for resources to improve your department's safety awareness? Does your lab need new safety topics for group meeting discussions?

EHS can provide you with **free** digital and printed media from the National Safety Council. There are posters, quizzes, videos on many topics. Poster examples are below.



If you have any questions, please contact EHS. email: [dehsafety@udel.edu](mailto:dehsafety@udel.edu)

