

# TOOLBOX TALK

## RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: EP01

### Choosing The Right Respirator/Mask

Understand the specific requirements of the work environment and worker activity to select respirators accordingly.



#### Disposable Mask Options:

**FFP1:** Lowest level of protection. Common applications for environments with low levels of dust that is not harmful to a persons health.

**FFP2:** Medium level of protection. Suitable for environments with moderate levels of fine dust and other non-oil based particles. Commonly used in construction, pharmaceutical, and agricultural sectors.

**FFP3:** Highest level of protection. Suitable in environments with high levels of fine dust and where protection against very small particles is required. Commonly used in heavy industrial and healthcare settings.

#### Standards:

South Africa follows European standards for respiratory protection (e.g., **EN149** for disposable respirators).

Select products that comply with EN standards for guaranteed protection.

Below does not comply to South African regulatory standards:

- KN95: Equivalent of a Chinese product.
- N95: Product coming in from the US.



**Disposable respirators are intended for single-shift use only**

#### Fit Testing:

Critical for ensuring the correct fit.

**IMPORTANT:** Choose a Respirator/mask that fits the face shape and size of the wearer. Ensure the mask seals the face and take note that facial hair will break the seal.

#### Need Help?

If you need an AIA assessment or a fit test done, contact Protekta Safety Gear to ensure the safety of your site.

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