





# RESPIRATORS: A QUICK GUIDE

	<p><b>SURGICAL MASK</b> <b>Is it a respirator?</b> No. It does not seal around the mouth/nose <b>What is it good for?</b> Prevents hand to mouth contact, protects the sick from you <b>Can I wear it without fit testing?</b> Yes</p>
	<p><b>DUST MASK</b> <b>Is it a respirator?</b> No. It hasn't been certified by NIOSH as a respirator <b>What is it good for?</b> Prevents you from inhaling large particles, like sawdust <b>Can I wear it without fit testing?</b> Yes</p>
	<p><b>N95 or FILTERING FACEPIECE</b> <b>Is it a respirator?</b> Yes! It has the NIOSH seal of approval as a respirator <b>What is it good for?</b> Prevents you from low amounts of particulates, but not appropriate for asbestos, lead or silica dust <b>Can I wear it without fit testing?</b> Yes, but only if using one is not <u>required</u> as part of your job</p>
	<p><b>HALF and FULL FACE AIR-PURIFYING RESPIRATOR</b> <b>Is it a respirator?</b> Yes! It's in the name. <b>What is it good for?</b> Depending on the cartridges used: particles (asbestos, lead silica), organic solvents, acid gases, formaldehyde, etc. <b>Can I wear it without fit testing?</b> No. You must be enrolled in the UW program</p>
	<p><b>POWERED AIR-PURIFYING RESPIRATOR</b> <b>Is it a respirator?</b> Yes! It's in the name. <b>What is it good for?</b> The same contaminants as the APRs above <b>Can I wear it without fit testing?</b> Sort of. You must be enrolled in the UW program, but we require a hands-on demonstration, not fit test.</p>