



Cove Acre Corporation is a solution focused business providing environmental, health, and safety training and consulting services to many industries.

We service construction, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, automotive, trucking, warehousing, retail, and many other industries.

Cove Acre offers the highest quality nation-wide and international service in a budget friendly package.

According to OSHA, millions of workers are required to wear respirators in various workplaces throughout the United States. Respirators protect workers against insufficient oxygen environments, harmful dusts, fogs, smokes, mists, gases, vapors, and sprays. These hazards may cause cancer, lung impairment, diseases, or death. Compliance with the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard could avert hundreds of deaths and thousands of illnesses annually.

Before an employee is assigned to job tasks that require respiratory protection, the employer has a list of OSHA required responsibilities to manage first. Those OSHA required responsibilities are:

- Establish and implement a written worksite-specific respiratory protection program.
- The employer must provide effective, comprehensive, and understandable, training to employees who are required to use respirators. The training must be and recur annually, and more often if necessary.
- The employer shall provide a medical evaluation to determine the employee's ability to use a respirator and obtain a written recommendation regarding the employee's ability to use the respirator from a physician or other licensed health care professional before the employee is fit tested or required to use the respirator in the workplace.
- The employer shall ensure that an employee using a tight-fitting facepiece respirator is fit tested prior to initial use of the respirator, whenever a different respirator facepiece (size, style, model or make) is used, and at least annually thereafter.

Respiratory Protection Training

- Respiratory Hazards
- Respirator Basics
- User Responsibilities
- Special Considerations
- Fit Testing
- Respirator Use Criteria
- Medical Clearance
- Care And Maintenance of Respirators
- Respirator Limitations





Respirator Medical Clearance

Cove Acre will administer the OSHA required medical evaluation questionnaire through our respirator medical clearance partner. This service is completed on-line, maintains employee health record confidentiality, and will maintain all records electronically for you if desired.

The medical evaluation service will provide:

- Documented clearance for all respirator users that qualify, or;
- Advice for the employer to send the respirator user to an occupational health clinic for further evaluation if needed
- On-line management of respiratory protection medical records and fit test records

Respirator Fit Testing

Cove Acre will provide qualitative fit testing:

- Review proper respirator pre-use inspection
- Teach employees how to properly fit their respirator and conduct a user seal check
- Fit test respirator users utilizing one of the following options as the challenge agent:
 - Stannic chloride (smoke tubes)
 - Bitrex and Saccharin
- Review proper cleaning, care, and storage of respirators

Other fit-testing options:

- Provide quantitative fit testing using a PortaCount Respirator Fit Tester – *Separate pricing will be provided upon request*

Links

[General Respiratory Protection Guidance for Employers and Workers | Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(osha.gov\)](https://www.osha-slc.gov/General-Respiratory-Protection-Guidance-for-Employers-and-Workers)

