

**WAC 296-842-18005 Prevent sealing problems with tight-fitting respirators.**

**Exemption:** This section does not apply to respirator use that is voluntary. See WAC 296-842-11005 for voluntary use program requirements.

(1) Make sure employees use the procedure in WAC 296-842-22020 to perform a user seal check each time they put on their tight-fitting respirator.

(2) Make sure you do NOT permit respirator use if employees have a characteristic that interferes with the respirator facepiece seal or valve function. For example, stubble, moustaches, sideburns, bangs, hairlines, or scars between the face and the sealing surface of the respirator will affect the seal.

(3) Make sure corrective glasses or personal protective equipment (PPE) do **NOT** interfere with the facepiece seal. Examples of PPE include safety glasses, goggles, faceshields, clothing, and hard hats.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.050 and 29 C.F.R. Subpart Z. WSR 09-19-119, § 296-842-18005, filed 9/22/09, effective 12/1/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060. WSR 07-05-072, § 296-842-18005, filed 2/20/07, effective 4/1/07; WSR 03-20-114, § 296-842-18005, filed 10/1/03, effective 1/1/04.]