

Shared Health Emergency Response Services

General - Safe Work Procedure





Hazards Present:	Personal Protective Equipment:		Minimum Training Requirement:	
Biohazard	Half Mask Respirator		N/A	
Purpose:		Indications:		
Provide airborne (droplet and aerosol) pathogen protection		Contamination protection for airborne pathogens		
Equipment:		Contraindications:		
MSA Half Mask Respirator		None		
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- 1. Observe routine practice and use proper body mechanics
- 2. Line up the match-mark on the cartridge with the small lug on the face piece connector





- 3. Push down and turn the cartridge clockwise until the stops are engaged
- 4. Loosen all the straps by pulling the tab back on the latch with your finger
- 5. Pull the neck strap over your head and place it around your neck. The neck strap must lay flat against your neck, not twisted
- 6. Place the top portion of the facepiece on the bridge of your nose and swing the bottom of the facepiece inward. The facepiece should fit comfortably around your nose, mouth, and chin
- 7. Pull the cradle headband over your head until it straddles the crown of your head. The cradle headband must lie flat, not twisted.
- 8. Pull the ends of the cradle headband straps to tighten the cradle around the crown of your head
- 9. Pull the ends of the neck strap to tighten the neck strap around your neck
- 10. Adjust the cradle headband and neck straps for a comfortable and secure fit.

Note: The straps should be just snug enough so that no air leaks around the facepiece.

Note: The straps should not be pulled so tight that the respirator digs into your face.

Note: Be careful not to over-tighten



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- 11. Place your palms over cartridges lightly
- 12. Inhale gently so that the facepiece collapses slightly and hold breath for ten seconds.

Note: The facepiece will remain collapsed while the breath is held unless there is a leak in the seal.

Refer to MSA Half Mask Respirator Cleaning Procedure

Refer to Safety and Health Guidelines should an exposure or injury occur

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