Respiratory Protective Equipment & Face Fit Testing

WHAT HAPPENED

A recent visit by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) resulted in a Fee for Intervention charge relating to the issue and use of Respiratory Protective Equipment
(RPE).

They highlighted the need for RPE, more commonly known as dust masks, to be suitable for the type of exposure and most importantly for the equipment to be worn correctly.

For RPE to be suitable it must be matched to the job, the environment, the anticipated airborne contaminant exposure level, and the wearer. As people come in all sorts of shapes and sizes it is unlikely that one particular type, or size of RPE face piece, will fit everyone. Fit testing will help ensure that the equipment selected is suitable for the wearer.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

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