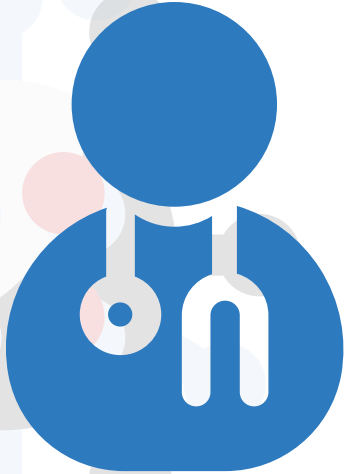


THE FIVE MOST COMMON COVID-19 Violations

Nearly **\$4 million worth of citations** were issued to employers from the start of the pandemic through the end of 2020, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Here are the five most common violations.



1. Not Conducting Medical Evaluations

Typically, the employer did not provide a medical evaluation before the employee was fit-tested for a respirator or used it.

2. Not Fit Testing for Respirators



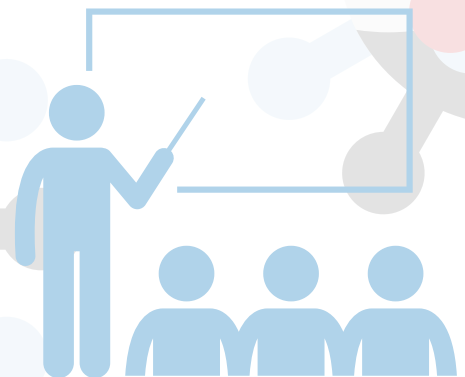
Examples involve not performing a fit test or incorrectly applying the standards of fit testing.

3. Not Establishing a Respiratory Protection Program

Often, the employer did not establish, implement or update a written respiratory protection program with worksite-specific procedures.

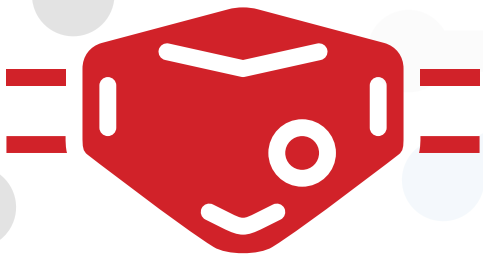


4. Not Providing Proper Training and Education



In one example, an employer did not ensure workers could demonstrate knowledge of why a respirator is necessary, how to use it and its limitations, as well as use in emergency situations.

5. Not Purchasing the Correct Type of Respirator



Violations include employers not purchasing the correct type of respirator or having the wrong respirator for the working conditions.