

TOOLBOX TALK — RPE AND FACE FIT — THE SEAL IS THE PROTECTION

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Five to ten minutes at the workplace, spoken by the supervisor, recorded below — and two-way, or it is not a talk

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WHY THIS TALK: A tight-fitting mask only works if it seals to the face, and it does not seal over stubble, a beard, or a face it was never tested on. A mask that leaks feels the same as one that works, which is why the fit test exists.

1 THE SESSION

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2 THE POINTS TO MAKE — TICK AS COVERED, IN YOUR OWN WORDS

- Face-fit tested on the exact make, model and size you wear — a pass on one mask does not transfer to another
- Clean-shaven where the mask seals, on the day: yesterday's stubble breaks the seal; a beard means a powered hood, not a disposable
- Fit check every time you put it on: cover the filters, breathe in, feel it pull onto the face — no pull, no seal; adjust or change it
- The right filter for the hazard: a dust filter is not a gas filter; the RAMS or the data sheet says which — and a filter has a life
- Disposables are one shift at most and binned when damp, dirty or damaged; reusables are cleaned, stored in a sealed bag and checked
- RPE is the last control — if you are relying on a mask alone, ask what happened to the water, the extraction or the enclosure
- Glasses, hard hat and hearing protection all have to work with the mask — try the set together before the dusty job, not during it

MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

- What mask are you fit-tested on, and is it the one in your hand?
- What has changed about your face since your fit test — beard, weight, glasses, dental work?
- Which task this week relies on RPE alone — and why is there nothing before it?

WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE

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