

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CORRECTIONS
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

MEMORANDUM

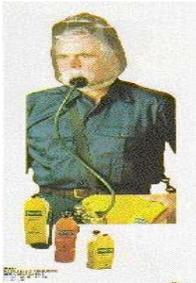
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FROM: Charles L. Ryan, Director

DATE: April 28, 2003

SUBJECT: Director's Instruction # 212 , SECURITY RESPIRATOR PROCEDURES

Effective immediately, only designated personnel shall use a respirator, and all uses of respirators require that a wearer be medically evaluated by the Occupational Health Unit nursing staff, that a fit testing is performed by Occupational Safety Office personnel, and that specific donning, doffing, care, and use training for each type of respirator to be worn shall be completed, and recorded by Occupational Safety Office personnel prior to the use of a respirator. All users must have in their possession a Respirator Card for the respirator they are using or they will be cited in violation of 29 CFR 1910.134. Individuals not assigned to one of the security teams or positions identified below, shall not be allowed use of a Air Purifying Cartridge Respirator (Gas Mask) or a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).



EMERGENCY ESCAPE BREATHING APPARATUS (EEBA): OSHA has determined that EEBA's do not require medical evaluations and/or fit testing, but each wearer shall be trained in their use by Occupational Safety Office personnel. Each Housing Unit Control Room shall be equipped with an EEBA and the Correctional Officer posted therein shall be trained and allowed use of an EEBA as a means of escape only from those areas where a smoke emergency is known to exist. Floor Officers in housing units shall also be trained in the use of an EEBA and the devices shall be readily available to them in cases of a known smoke emergency.

AIR PURIFYING CARTRIDGE RESPIRATOR (GAS MASK): This mask requires that the wearer comply with 29 CFR 1910.134, and shall be medically evaluated, fit tested and trained prior to use. **“Only Tactical Support Unit (TSU) personnel are authorized to use this respirator”.** **“DART team personnel are no longer allowed use of a respirator”** other than the EEBA while assigned to housing duties.



SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA): This self contained respirator shall only be used by qualified fire/rescue personnel and qualified members of a new Complex Extraction Team. **“No other personnel are authorized to use these devices”.**

N95 PARTICULATE MASK: These are mask that will require compliance with 29 CFR 1910 .134, required by medical staff as inmate cases for transportation needing Personal Protective Equipment. High risk medical staff, qualified housing officers, investigators, and qualified transportation staff shall be medically evaluated, trained and fit tested for the N95. No other staff shall wear this mask.



The respirators addressed here are not reflective of those used by maintenance in the course and scope of their work activities. All uses of respirators are subject to the OSHA standards 29 CFR 1910.134 and no employee or inmate may use a respirator without first consulting with the on-site safety officer.
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