

Respiratory Protective equipment Face Fit Testing

Facial Hair Advice

Facial hair and 'stubble' in the face seal area is prohibited for fit test purposes.

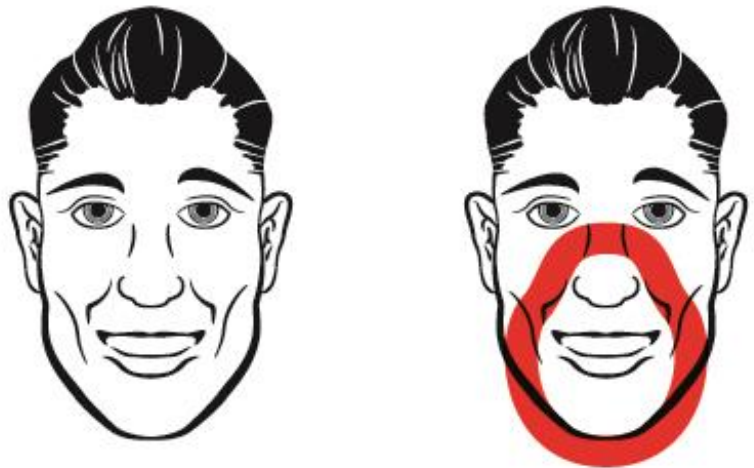
It is hoped that individuals who require RPE Fit Testing would adhere to the benchmark requirement for completely clean shaven faces in order to maximise the effectiveness of their RPE.

This will also consequentially protect their health and compliance with their legal duty to use employers health and safety control measures.

However there may be some leniency to this rule as depicted below.

We would **refuse** to Fit Test an individual when we perceive facial hair to encroach into the mask sealing area as indicated.

Red Area is the Masking Seal Surface
No hair should be in the Masking Seal Surface Area!



Acceptable



Unacceptable

