

Respirator Face Fit Testing

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 long term health and compliance with their legal duty to use employers health and safety control measures properly and as trained

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

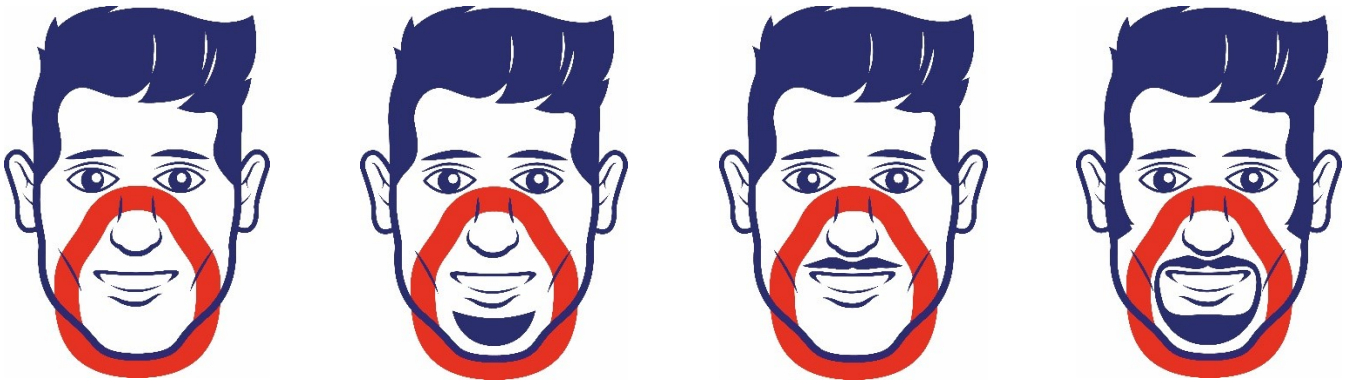
Facial Hair Good Practice

The Red Area Depicts the Respirator Seal

There Should Be No Facial Hair In This Area



Acceptable



Not Acceptable

