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Protect Your Respiratory System

Air keeps you alive

- It can also injure or kill
- Some air can make you ill
- You need clean air
- And the right amount of oxygen
- Bad air holds hazardous substances

Substances contaminating air include:

- Gases which are toxic
- Gases which displace oxygen
- Dust containing small particles
- Mists from spraying liquids
- Fumes off heated or burned materials

Vapors contaminate air

- Oxygen can disappear in confined spaces
- Rotting materials use up oxygen
- Burning materials consume oxygen
- Chemical processes do to
- Other gases can displace oxygen

Your respiratory system is crucial It takes oxygen from air into lungs The bloodstream takes it from there Oxygen-rich blood nourishes the body Vital organs need oxygen constantly Brief lack of oxygen can mean death

Airborne contaminants cause problems

- They damage nose, throat or lungs
- They can cause poisoning that irreversibly harms internal organs
- Sometimes body damage is instant
- Sometimes it takes years to develop

There are many respiratory hazards

- Protect your respiratory system
- First, separate yourself from hazards
- Some hazards can't be removed
- Wear respiratory personal protective equipment

Choose the proper PPE

- Using it correctly is also important
- Get guidance in picking and fitting
- Get trained to use and maintain it
- Proper fitting of respirators is essential
- The mask must be snug and airtight

