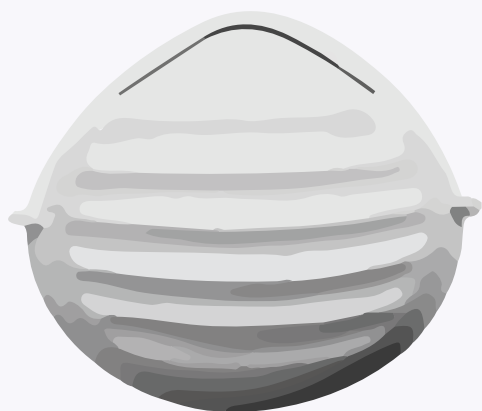




“DUST MASK” vs. RESPIRATOR

Particulate respirators and nuisance dust masks often are confused. These masks may look similar, but they have very important differences! If you wear a respirator in the workplace, make sure you know the differences and that you are wearing the appropriate equipment.

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DUST MASK

- Not approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- No NIOSH approval notice on the front



RESPIRATOR

- NIOSH-Approved, which is necessary if you are required to wear a respirator at work
- Stamped with the NIOSH approval notice on the front

