

Become a life shaver – perfectly fitted masks save lives

Facial hairstyles for workers who wear tight-fitting respirators

Tight fitting respirators rely on a good seal between the respirator and skin. Facial hair and stubble (even one day's growth) make it almost impossible to get a good seal. Care should be taken to ensure that facial hair that fits within the seal does not interfere with parts of the respirator such as valves.

If your workers have beards (and are not willing shave) you will need to consider providing other forms of RPE that do not rely on a tight face fit.

For further information see: [worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/personal-protective-equipment-ppe/respiratory-protective-equipment/advice-for-businesses/](https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/personal-protective-equipment-ppe/respiratory-protective-equipment/advice-for-businesses/)

