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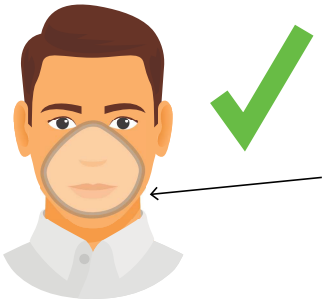
Which facial hair styles may be suitable with my half face or disposable respirator?



CLEAN SHAVEN

Being clean shaven is important to achieve respiratory protection, but there are some hair styles that may be suitable.

Respirator sealing surface

If workers have any facial hair that interferes with any sealing surface area of a respirator, or long facial hair that also interferes with any valves or function of the facepiece, then a loose fitting head-top on a PAPR unit may need to be considered as a suitable alternative to the wearer removing interfering facial hair.

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