

Are Ontario Workers Required to Follow CSA Standards of Fit Tests?



Question:

Respiratory protection requirements by Province states Ontario OHS regulation doesn't include specific fit tests requirements for respiratory protection. Yet, CSA Z 94/4-02 does. Therefore, under Ontario regulations, are workers not required to follow CSA standards to be fit tested prior to using SCBA and other respirators'

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Ontario's OHS regulations don't spell out fit test requirements nor do they specifically adopt CSA Z94/4-02, which does address fit testing. However, although technically fit testing may not be specifically required, doing fit tests is likely to be considered a best practice and one of the reasonable steps employers in Ontario should take to protect workers from airborne hazards under the general duty clause.

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