

Using protective masks correctly in everyday work

Quick check for greater safety before each use



Protective masks only work reliably when they **match the risk, fit correctly and are used properly**. This practical check helps to avoid typical mistakes – quickly, concisely and without technical jargon.

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Check before use

- ▶ Does the protection class match the current task (dust, vapours, aerosols)?
- ▶ Is the mask undamaged (no cracks, intact sealing lips)?
- ▶ Are filters correctly fitted and not expired?
- ▶ Does the mask fit tightly against the face, without gaps?

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Observe during use

- ▶ Do not let the mask slip or remove it intermittently.
- ▶ Facial hair or jewellery can impair the seal.
- ▶ Change immediately if breathing resistance or odour is noticeable.
- ▶ Always coordinate the protective mask with other PPE (e.g. safety goggles).

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After use

- ▶ Dispose of disposable masks properly.
- ▶ Clean and dry reusable masks.
- ▶ Change filters according to manufacturer specifications.
- ▶ Store mask clean, dry and protected.



Key point:

A protective mask only protects when it fits, seals tightly and is used correctly.