


# Is your facial hair acceptable when wearing a respirator?

## Facial Hairstyles and Filtering Facepiece Respirators

Hairstyle	Acceptable
CLEAN SHAVEN	✓
STUBBLE	✗
LONG STUBBLE	✗
FULL BEARD	✗
FRENCH FORK	✗
DUCKTAIL	✗
VERDI	✗
GARIBALDI	✗
BANDHOLZ	✗
SOUL PATCH	✓
GOATEE (Careful! Chin hair may easily cross the seal)	✗
CHIN CURTAIN	✗
EXTENDED GOATEE	✗
CIRCLE BEARD	✗
ANCHOR (Careful! Chin hair may easily cross the seal)	✗
BALBO	✗
VAN DYKE	✗
IMPERIAL	✗
SIDE WHISKERS	✓
MUTTON CHOPS	✗
HULIHEE	✗
HORSESHOE (Careful not to cross the seal)	✓
ZAPPA	✓
WALRUS	✓
PAINTER'S BRUSH	✓
CHEVRON	✓
HANDLEBAR	✓
PENCIL	✓
TOOTHBRUSH	✓
LAMPSHADE	✓
ZORRO	✓
VILLAIN (Careful not to cross the seal)	✗
FU MANCHU	✗
ENGLISH	✗
DALI	✗

\*If your respirator has an exhalation valve, some of these styles may interfere with the valve working properly if the facial hair comes in contact with it.  
 †This graphic may not include all types of facial hairstyles. For any style, hair should not cross under the respirator sealing surface.  
 Source: OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard  
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 Further Reading: NIOSH Respirator Trusted-Source Webpage  
[https://www.cdc.gov/miosh/nppit/topics/respirators/disp\\_part/respsource3fitest.html](https://www.cdc.gov/miosh/nppit/topics/respirators/disp_part/respsource3fitest.html)


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