

# CFMEU SAFETY GUIDANCE

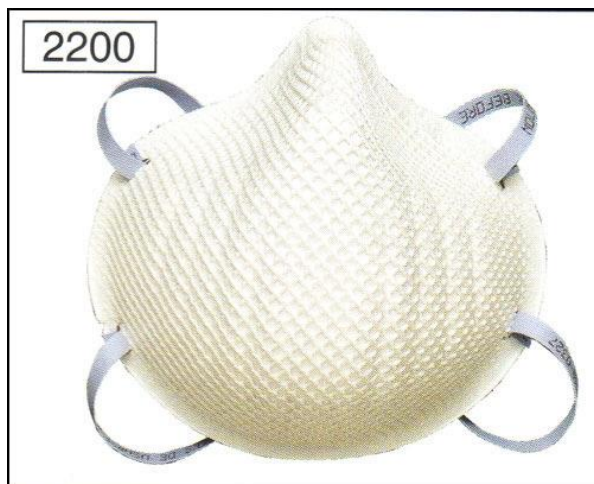
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## Nuisance Dust Masks

Workers exposed to harmful dusts at work should not use nuisance dust masks. Nuisance dust masks are not protective devices and don't protect the worker from inhaling harmful dusts.

In recent years The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in the UK has encouraged a voluntary withdrawal from the sale of nuisance dust masks in a campaign to reduce work induced respiratory diseases.

As shown "the labels on these Nuisance dust masks even warn against their use".⊗



These Nuisance dust Masks can be easily recognised as they don't show any Australian Standards approval, are made from thin lightweight gauze with a single thin elastic strap. Unfortunately the fact is that employers purchase the nuisance dust masks because of the cheap price.

**REMEMBER PPE IS A LAST RESORT**

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