

Job Aid: Do a User Seal Check

This is also called a “fit check” or a “placement check”.



1. Cover the area where air enters and leaves the respirator.



2. Quickly exhale.

- The facepiece should bulge slightly.
- Check for air leaks between your face and the respirator).



3. Now Inhale. Do not push on the respirator.

- The respirator should pull tighter to your face.
- No air should leak in.



4. If you feel any leaks during exhale or inhale, adjust the straps.

Now do the user seal check again.

Beards, hair and jewelry may interfere with a good fit! In this case, you are NOT PROTECTED by the respirator! Ideally, work in a lower risk area of the facility, rather than in a high risk area, such as a TB ward.