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<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Dust Mask, Face Fit Testing</b>
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Description
<p>During a recent visit from the HSE, the Inspector noted an operative not wearing a dust mask whilst cutting wood with a powered circular saw, outside on a scaffold.</p> <p>When the operative retrieved a dust mask from the site office, it was a different model that was detailed on his Face Fit Test (FFT) certificate. The business was served with a Notice of Contravention for not managing dust controls correctly.</p>

Action Required
<p>When an operative is required to wear a tight-fitting dust mask, to protect them from the dangers of construction dust, we must ensure that each individual is FFT to confirm that the dust mask fits them correctly and will offer the required level of protection.</p> <p><b>Site teams must ensure the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each individual has been FFT for the mask he/she is using, this must be the same mask that is detailed on the FFT Certificate</li> <li>• For directly employed operatives, ensure a supply of facemasks are available that are the exact same make and model and that the individual has received FFT. With a minimum standard FFP3 standard</li> <li>• Disposable face masks should be changed each shift</li> <li>• Copies of the FFT Certificate must be available on site</li> <li>• Operatives should be tested annually</li> <li>• Operatives must be clean shaven when using tight fitting facemasks</li> <li>• Carry out regular checks of RPE</li> <li>• If a different make/model/size facemask, is supplied then the individual must be retested before being allowed to carry out any work that will expose them to construction dust</li> <li>• Make sure you are fully aware of the dust standards: <a href="#">HSMS-STD-Dust</a></li> </ul>