

# What to look for when buying respirators

Check these signs of **fakes**:



No printed markings at all on the filtering facepiece respirator



No NIOSH marking – or spelled incorrectly



Approval number (TC) missing on filtering facepiece respirator or headband



Filtering facepiece respirator has ear loops instead of headbands



Made of decorative fabric or features decorative add-ons (e.g., sequins)



Claims of approval for children\*

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\* NIOSH does not approve any type of respiratory protection for children.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/counterfeitResp.html>

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