

# Counterfeit respirators: what you need to know



## How to spot a NIOSH-approved respirator

- ✔ An approval label on or within the packaging of the respirator.
- ✔ An abbreviated approval on the filtering face piece respirator (FFR) itself.

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## Signs a respirator may be counterfeit

- No markings at all on the FFR.
- No approval number on the respirator or headband.
- No NIOSH markings.
- NIOSH spelled incorrectly.
- Decorative fabric or add-ons (for example, sequins).
- Claims to be approved for children's use.
- Ear loops instead of headbands.

Visit [CDC.gov/NIOSH](https://www.cdc.gov/NIOSH) for respirator guidance.

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