

ICAA Group Health & Safety Program

Free For ICAA Members



Sign Up Now for the 2016 ICAA Group Health & Safety Program

When you enroll in the ICAA Program, you are relieved of the need to implement an OSHA mandatory respiratory protection program for fiberglass applicators.

The ICAA Group Health & Safety Program addresses several burdensome responsibilities that accompany OSHA health and safety compliance:

1. The ICAA Group Program frees insulation contractors of their responsibility to individually monitor jobsite airborne exposures;
2. The ICAA Group Program relieves insulation contractors of the need to implement a mandatory respiratory protection program; and
3. The ICAA Group Program significantly reduces compliance costs and legal fees if an insulation contractor is targeted by federal or state OSHA inspectors.

How do insulators get into trouble with OSHA?

OSHA has issued citations to insulation contractors for not implementing a mandatory respiratory protection program for installers of fiberglass insulation. However, when insulators belong to the ICAA Group Program, they do not need to implement a mandatory respiratory protection program. They subscribe to a voluntary respiratory protection program for their fiberglass applicators.

ICAA-member insulation contractors who enroll in the ICAA Group Program receive free consultation should OSHA issue citations.

Enroll in the ICAA Group Health & Safety Program

To enroll in the ICAA Group Program, an ICAA-member insulation contractor submits a signed [2016 ICAA Group Health & Safety Program Membership Agreement](#). A counter-signed Membership Agreement will be returned to you for your records.

You must also follow these five (5) steps so that your company adopts a voluntary respiratory protection program for fiberglass applicators.

1. Your company policy on respirators must recommend — not require — the use of NIOSH-approved filtering facepiece dust respirators (N95 dust masks) for installers of fiberglass.

ICAA recommends that you include the following statement in your safety policy:

(Company Name) has adopted a voluntary respiratory protection program for installers of fiberglass. (Company Name) is a member of the ICAA Group Health & Safety Program and employs [Best Practices When Working with Fiberglass Insulation](#).

2. Ensure that dust masks are not dirty or contaminated.
3. Ensure that dust masks do not interfere with the employee's ability to work safely.
4. Provide [OSHA Appendix D](#) to each employee who voluntarily wears a dust mask.
5. Ensure that employees acknowledge (with their printed name, signature, and date) that they have received and read Appendix D. You can use this [sample acknowledgement form](#).

If You Don't Join the Group Program

Insulators who do not belong to the ICAA Group Program generally need to perform airborne exposure monitoring of jobsites, require the use of respirators, and implement a respiratory protection program. The process includes writing a respiratory protection program; medical monitoring and medical evaluations; and conducting fit testing. If insulators don't implement this process, they are subject to OSHA citations and monetary penalties.