

Personal Protective Equipment

Tips to Protect Yourself Against Counterfeit Activities

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Fight Respirator Fraud Globally. Every day.

Counterfeit products may not meet the rigorous quality standards that our respirators are subjected to and put the lives of those battling this pandemic at risk. As for price gouging, it can result in people not being able to afford essential commodities to fight COVID-19.

Tips to protect yourself against counterfeit activities.

- 1** We have **strict quality standards** for our products, and ones that have missing straps, strange odors, blocked valves, misspelled words, etc. are likely not authentic 3M respirators.
- 2** **Expiration dates** and shelf-life information for our respirators can usually be found on the side or bottom of the packaging. This information is important as over time, components such as the strap and nose foam may degrade, which can affect the quality of the fit and seal.
- 3** There are no third-party individuals or companies who manufacture 3M respirators and products.
- 4** We **do not** have any minimum purchase volumes required for our products. You can purchase even single cases through our distribution partners.
- 5** 3M respirators **should be procured only in 3M packaging**, with model-specific user instructions accompanying the product. Our respirators are not meant to be sold individually or without packaging (including user instructions).

Help us combat fraud. Call **1-800-426-8688** or find more information on our website at <https://engage.3m.com/covidfraud-en-ca>

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Effective respiratory protection is critical to an effective response to COVID-19. In the infographic above, 3M provides several tips to help you avoid falling victim to counterfeit respirators. 3M products are subject to stringent quality control measures. Some things to look out for include missing or substandard packaging, detached straps, misspelled words on the respirator and expiration dates.

Read more about how 3M is fighting counterfeiting during the pandemic.

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