



# Sperian/Survivair Respirator Products - Discontinued

## Frequently asked questions

For those who own a Sperian/Survivair half-facepiece (blue) respirator, there will be some changes in the near future. Honeywell is discontinuing all Sperian/Survivair respirator products, which are products that are sold through Building Operations Stores. As a result, we are switching respirator brands to 3M. 3M is offering a free conversion program where they will take your existing Sperian/Survivair respirator and give you a free 3M respirator. To help you with the transition, below are some FAQs:

### **Why do we need to change our respirators?**

Honeywell is discontinuing all Sperian/Survivair respirator products, which happens to be the ones that are generally used by our employees.

### **Will the 3M respirator provide the same protection as my Sperian/Survivair respirator?**

Yes, the 3M respirator is equivalent to the Sperian/Survivair respirator and will provide the same protection.

### **How do I take part in the 3M conversion program?**

UBC Risk Management Services (RMS) will be scheduling annual respirator fit testing for December. At that time, bring your Sperian/Survivair respirator and a new 3M respirator will be given to you. RMS will then fit test you on the new 3M respirator. If you are not able to be fit tested in December, contact RMS to schedule an alternate date.

### **Do I need new cartridges/filters?**

Yes, cartridges/filters are specific to the brand of respirator. 3M conversion program only includes a free respirator. You will need to purchase new 3M cartridges/filters from Building Operations Stores after you get fit tested.

### **Can I still wear my Sperian/Survivair respirator?**

Yes, but when you need to change out your cartridges/filters, there won't be any for you to purchase so you will need to switch to a 3M respirator.

### **Do I have to change it to a 3M respirator?**

Stores will start carrying 3M respirators and cartridges/filters as part of their inventory. By using the same brand, it will be easier for you to purchase cartridges/filters and replacement parts in the future. However, we do recognize that not everyone will be able to fit the same respirator. If a respirator fit test shows the respirator does not provide a good fit, an alternate respirator will need to be sourced.

### **What if I already have a 3M respirator?**

If you already have a 3M respirator, all you need to do is come for your annual respirator fit test in December. Stores will be carrying 3M cartridges/filters so it will now be easier for you to purchase.

### **What if I don't have a respirator?**

Please speak with your supervisor to determine if you need a respirator as part of your job. If you do, you will need to purchase a 3M respirator from Building Operations Stores and contact RMS for a respirator fit test.