

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Essential Protection for Every Task

PPE doesn't eliminate hazards, but it can prevent life-altering injuries.



Ideas for the Talk

- Workers grinding or cutting without eye or face protection.
- Incorrect glove use around moving equipment.
- Hard hats not worn in active work zones.



Explanation of the Dangers of Violations

- Failure to wear proper PPE exposes workers to eye injuries, head trauma, burns, cuts, and amputations.
- Short-term injuries can include lacerations and lost vision.
- Long-term impacts may involve surgeries, permanent damage, or the inability to work in construction again.



Demonstration Tips

- Demonstrate proper PPE fit and adjustment.
- Show examples of damaged PPE and explain why it must be replaced.



Key Talking Points

- PPE must be appropriate for the hazard.
- PPE must be maintained in good condition.
- Wearing PPE is mandatory, not optional.



Engagement Questions

- Which PPE do people forget most often?
- How can improper PPE create new hazards?
- Who is responsible for maintaining PPE?



Closing Questions

- What PPE is required for your task today?
- What should you do if PPE doesn't fit properly?
- Will you stop work if PPE is missing?

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