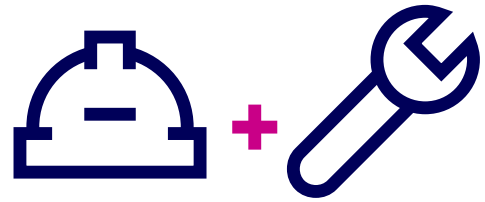# Behaviors: Use All Required PPE and Approved Tools

Why?

Wearing your required PPE is the last line of defense against injury; Using approved tools properly for work tasks will reduce the risk of breakage and injury.

What?

✓ Know the PPE requirements for the area you are working in and specific to the job task you are performing.
✓ Always inspect your PPE before use and replace it if it is not in good condition.
✓ Only use tools you are qualified for
✓ Never use non approved tools.

Questions

Open-ended questions

- Why do we use PPE?
- What type of PPE do you use?
- Can you bring tools from home to use?
- Why is it important to only use approved tools at work?

Experience-based questions

- Have you ever witnessed an incident where PPE prevented or failed to prevent an injury? What happened?
- Can you recall a time when using the right tool for the job prevented an accident?
- Have you ever seen someone struggle with PPE or tools that didn't fit or weren't comfortable? What was the outcome?

What would you do?-questions

- If you notice a co-worker using damaged or worn-out PPE, how would you handle the situation?
- What would you do if you saw someone using a tool that is not approved for the job?
- If you arrive at a job site and realize you forgot an essential piece of PPE, what should you do?

Spot the improvement-questions

- Are there any PPE items that could be improved for comfort, availability, or effectiveness?
- Do we have all the approved tools needed for our tasks, or are there gaps? What should be added or upgraded?
- How could we improve our safety culture to ensure everyone always wears the right PPE for task they are using?