PPE (PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT) SAFETY BRIEFING

Company Name: _____
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Personal protective equipment, or PPE, is designed to help protect employees from hazards that cannot be fully eliminated through other controls. PPE does not replace safe work practices, training, or hazard awareness, but it does provide an added layer of protection when exposure remains. The key is making sure the PPE matches the hazard and the work being performed.

Common types of PPE include:

- Eye protection for flying particles, dust, and splash hazards.
- Gloves for sharp edges, rough materials, and chemical contact.
- Hearing protection for high-noise areas.
- Hard hats for overhead hazards.
- Respirators for breathing hazards.
- Fall protection for work at height.

A strong PPE program depends on more than just having equipment available. Employees need to know when PPE is required, how to wear it correctly, how to inspect it before use, and when to replace it. PPE that is damaged, poorly fitted, or worn incorrectly can leave employees exposed and create a false sense of protection. At the end of the day, PPE is one part of a larger safety effort, but when it is selected and used correctly, it can make a real difference in preventing injuries.