



## **Toolbox Talk: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Project Type: Interior Renovation

Topic: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Purpose: Ensure all workers understand required PPE and proper use to prevent injuries on NYC interior renovation projects.

### **Why This Matters**

Personal Protective Equipment is the last line of defense between workers and serious injury. Many common injuries on interior renovation sites — eye injuries, head trauma, cuts, hearing loss, and respiratory issues — are preventable with proper PPE. PPE is mandatory and non-negotiable.

### **Required PPE on Interior Renovation Sites**

- Hard hats when required by site conditions
- Safety glasses or goggles at all times
- High-visibility vests when required
- Work gloves appropriate for the task
- Hearing protection when exposed to loud noise
- Respiratory protection when required by task or material

### **Proper PPE Use**

- PPE must fit properly and be worn correctly
- Inspect PPE daily for damage or wear
- Replace damaged or worn PPE immediately
- PPE must be task-specific and appropriate for hazards present

### **Prohibited Practices**

- Working without required PPE
- Wearing sneakers or improper footwear
- Modifying or altering PPE
- Sharing personal PPE without authorization
- Using damaged or expired PPE

### **Supervisor Responsibilities**

- Enforce PPE requirements consistently
- Ensure proper PPE is available on site
- Remove workers from site for PPE non-compliance
- Address hazards requiring additional PPE

