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| **Unique Identifier (UI Code)** | OHS-02C |
| **Categories (Tags) – separate with commas if multiple** | Workplace Safety, Common Core |
| **Competency Title (short name)** | **Use Personal Protective Equipment** |
| **Competency Statement** | Use safety and personal protective equipment (PPE) according to role and work assignments. |
| **Performance Criteria** | * Select appropriate safety and personal protective equipment (PPE) according to task
* Assemble, put on and remove PPE according to occupational health and safety (OHS) regulations and guidelines for use
* Use safety equipment and PPE appropriate for task
* Report any problems with safety equipment and PPE to appropriate personnel according to workplace procedures
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| **Supporting Skills and Knowledge** | **Knowledge:*** Types of personal protective equipment (PPE) and their uses specific to the workplace and job role
* Workplace policies and procedures related to the use of safety equipment and PPE
* OHS regulations regarding the use of safety equipment and PPE
* Procedures to check and test safety equipment and PPE
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| **Key Terms/Definitions Required** | **occupational health and safety (OHS) regulations*** Legal requirements for working safely, which may include required training and certification, maintaining workplace documentation, and reporting of any incidents or near misses to appropriate regulatory bodies.

**safety equipment*** Equipment used in the workplace for safety purposes, but not an individual’s personal protective equipment (PPE). Safety equipment includes fire extinguishers and first aid kits, for example.

**personal protective equipment (PPE)*** Equipment used to protect oneself from harm or potential injury. PPE may include non-slip or steel-toe shoes, hard hats, masks, gloves, etc.

**workplace procedures*** Standard operating procedures specific to a workplace as determined by the workplace and/or management.
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| **Context/Examples** | * Certain work activities and tasks require the use of safety and personal protective equipment (PPE). Workers are expected to use the PPE required for their job role and ensure that PPE is in good working order prior to use.
* The nature of PPE required varies greatly by job role and work environment. Health care workers may require masks and gloves; construction workers may require hard hats, steel-toe boots, and high visibility vests.
* Supervisors and managers have additional responsibilities to test or check safety equipment and PPE and to ensure that workers are using them properly.
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| **Learning Content/Links** | * Links to OHS training and regulations
* Links to PPE information
* Links to workplace policy and procedure manuals
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| **Assessment Methods** | * Practical: observation of the individual using PPE while completing related tasks.
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