

TOOLBOX TALK 6 – Electrical Safety: Qualified vs. Unqualified

Key Points

- Only qualified workers may work on energized systems.
 - Always de-energize and apply LOTO.
 - Use insulated tools and voltage-rated PPE.
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Expanded Talking Script

“Electricity doesn’t give second chances. If you’re not qualified—trained, tested, and authorized—you must stay clear of energized work. Even qualified workers must follow strict procedures.”

Scenario

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An apprentice is asked by a GC to troubleshoot a live panel “just quickly.”

Ask:

- Should they do it?
 - Who should they notify?
 - Why is this a major violation?
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Engagement Questions

- “What jobs today require a qualified person?”
- “Who here is authorized for energized work?”