THE PORT OF VIRGINIA

SAFETY BRIEF

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

we Protect what Matters

FOR THE SUPERVISOR

PURPOSE:
This brief runs 2–3 minutes. Keep it conversational.

BEFORE THE BRIEFING:

- Read through once.
- Think about elecrtical safety on today's shift.
- Be ready to listen more than you talk.

DURING THE BRIEFING:

- Share the story below in your own words.
- Ask the questions. Let the crew respond.
- Keep it focused on today.

Remember: A safety brief is a real conversation — not a box to check

STORY TO SHARE

"POWER DOWN"

You might not be an electrician. Maybe you've never touched a breaker panel in your life. But you work around electrical equipment every day.

The cranes. The reach stackers. The charging stations. The panels on every dock and in every terminal building. That energy is everywhere – and it's invisible. You can't see it. You can't hear it. And it doesn't give you a warning.

That's why we have rules. De-energize before work begins. Prove it's off – don't assume it. Lock it out. Tag it out. If you're not qualified for the task in front of you, stop and call someone who is. And never – never – bypass a safety device. If that lock or guard is slowing you down, it's doing exactly what it's supposed to do.

You don't have to be an electrician to know when something isn't right. Speak up. That's protecting your brothers and sisters on this dock.

And that's how you go home to the people waiting for you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Walk us through the steps to LOTO...
- What does it mean to be "qualified" for electrical work – and what do you do if you're not sure?
- Have you ever seen a safety device bypassed or disabled? What happened, and what's the right call?
- What's one thing every person here can do – even if you never touch electrical equipment – to protect yourself and others?

CLOSING REMARKS

Electricity powers everything at this port. And it demands respect – every single time.

De-energize before you work. Lock it out. Tag it out. Use the right gear, and never bypass what's there to protect you.

Because at The Port of Virginia... **WE PROTECT WHAT MATTERS**