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### **What to expect from day 1 as an electrician**

Before starting work, the apprentice will be given a tool list of tools to purchase. A good estimation is \$150 which many times the employer will pay for and deduct weekly from your check.

These tools could include but not limited to (lineman's pliers, side cutters, needle nose pliers, Phillips screwdriver (2), standard screwdriver (2), level, wire strippers, tape measure, tool pouch)

Additionally, employees will be provided guidelines on proper work attire including shoes.

\* Be sure to check projected weather conditions to allow for appropriate clothing such as a coat, rain jacket

PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) will generally be provided on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of employment. These items include but not limited to (protective eyewear, ear plugs, safety vest, hard hat)

Employee should bring their lunch as many job sites don't have anywhere nearby to purchase lunch and the average lunch break is only 30-min.

Be sure to bring plenty of water (water jug). Some companies have a large water jug on site but that is not guaranteed. Additionally, some job sites are quite large and water jugs are not always within close distance to the work area.

Show up on job site in designated area at specified time. Typical work hours would be 7am-3:30pm. Employee will be given information on where to park, where to meet, contact person prior to 1<sup>st</sup> day.

Many companies will conduct a safety meeting at a specified location on the job at the start of each day. This will also allow the foreman to line his crew out for the day. This is usually done at the gang box or where material is stored so that once meeting is complete, employees can gather up any materials needed to conduct their job for the day.

Apprentice electricians are also considered to be a "helper". This means the apprentice will be helping those employees who already have knowledge in the trade. The goal is to absorb as much information as possible to become an asset to the team.

An apprentice may start out as a material handler, distributing material to the different work crews around the job until he has become educated in the names of the materials as well as their use.

The apprentice may also be shown the process of a labored task including material used, installation practices, tools to be used etc. Once explained (lined out), the apprentice will be working on that task until it is completed. This could be as simple as installing receptacles and receptacle cover plates.

The apprentice will always be supervised by a Journeyman electrician who will typically be in the same general vicinity.

Apprentice electricians will NEVER perform "hot work" (Work with energized wires/equipment)! Depending on the contractor and/or the job, electricians may be requested to work overtime. Overtime is time & ½. Holiday pay is double time.