Six steps

to respond to potential impairment





If you suspect impairment on the job, use these six steps to respond quickly and appropriately:

- 1. Safety: Address immediate safety issues first!
- 2. Information: Gather information about the incident or behavior.
- Documentation: Write down specific observations and facts.
 Preparation: Refer to your policy and create a plan to talk with the employee.
- Action: Talk with the employee compassionately and identify next steps.
 Follow-up: Monitor the employee's progress to ensure safety and well-being.
- If you suspect worker impairment, avoid judgmental accusations and always prioritize safety.

Visit nsc.org/ImpairmentTraining for more information.

