

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

ENSURE WIDEST DISSEMINATION

SUMMARY

Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout)

“Lockout/tagout” refers to specific practices and procedures to safeguard employees from the unexpected energization or startup of machinery and equipment, or the release of hazardous energy during service or maintenance activities.

What are OSHA's requirements?

OSHA's standard establishes minimum performance requirements for controlling hazardous energy. The standard specifies that employers must establish an energy-control program to ensure that employees isolate machines from their energy sources and render them inoperative before any employee services or maintains them. As part of an energy-control program, employers must:

- Establish energy-control procedures for removing the energy supply from machines and for putting appropriate lockout or tagout devices on the energy-isolating devices to prevent unexpected re-energization.
- When appropriate, the procedure also must address stored or potentially reaccumulated energy. Train employees on the energy-control program, including the safe application, use, and removal of energy controls.
- Inspect these procedures periodically (at least annually) to ensure that they are being followed and that they remain effective in preventing employee exposure to hazardous energy.



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