Lock-Out / Tag-Out

Prior to Work

- ▲ Workers who perform Lock-out/Tag-out must be able to show proof of receiving appropriate training.
- ▲ Inspect the equipment to be locked out and establish your safe-work zone using the POST Barricade Standard.
- ▲ Inform the appropriate personnel that a Lock-out is required, as this may impact the business' equipment.

Appropriate PPE

Wear the appropriate **Personal Protective Equipment** and have the **correct type of lock-outs**, including locks and tags.

Examples of lock-outs include:

- Breaker lock-outs for **electrical**
- Blocks, wedges, pins chains for **hydraulic**
- Piston, t-handle, lever gate-valve locks for **pneumatic**

Proper PPE:



Follow Procedure

If you are:

- Leaving equipment locked-out for an extended period
- Performing a transfer of lock ownership with a co-worker
- Performing a forceful lock removal



Ensure a Safe Lock-out/Tag-out

Injuries from **stored energies** are some of the most critical and can include:

Burns Cuts Electrocution Entanglement

Crushing Amputations Engulfment Asphyxiation

Although **electrical** hazards are the most common, this also relates to other types of 'stored energy' such as:

Hydraulic Pressure Pneumatic Gravitational



Step 1

Complete the appropriate safety paperwork;

- Safe-Work Permit / Job-Safety Analysis
- Lock-out / Tag-out Critical Checklist

Step 2

Locate the appropriate source of **energy**, and **isolate** (disconnect from main power source).

Step 3

Attach your 'personal' lock and tag to the lock-out.

- The key for the lock must remain with the worker at all times
- The tag should contain the following information: your name, equipment effected, date of lock-out and expected date of completion

Step 4

TEST by attempting to **power-on** the equipment; this will ensure you have isolated the correct source of energy.

Testing is the most crucial step. Most injuries are a result of inadequate testing.

Step 5

Once work is complete, **inspect equipment** and inform site personnel that energy is about to be restored.

If multiple locks had been attached to the same lock-out, remove yours, keep equipment barricaded off and make plans to return once energy is restored.

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