

# Section: Lockout and Tagout

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#### PURPOSE

All workers must know when and how to lockout and tag a vehicle, machine or tool due to a defect, hazard or because of maintenance.

#### SCOPE

- Lock-out and tagging is used to de-energize equipment and prevent unscheduled or accidental starting, moving or operating.
- Lock-out and tagging ensures a safe work environment that would normally be dangerous if equipment were to shift or operate. This is required on all equipment when performing repairs, inspections or any other time a machine is shut-down to perform work on it and the worker may be injured because of the nature of the work performed.
- Lockout will also be required when a machine is unsafe to use because of a defect or hazard (ie. no brakes on a loader).
- Small tools must be tagged out and removed from service when they are defective or hazardous (ie. a broken ladder, broken chain, leaking fuel tank on a generator). Bring all small tools to the shop for evaluation.
- Normal maintenance (ie. checking oil) does not normally require lockout because the worker has not removed any safeguards and the procedure is part of a normal daily routine. The worker is not generally exposed to any hazards. Follow manufacturer instructions for more details.
- If a guard must be removed, lockout is required.

The following steps shall be taken:

- 1. Identify all energy sources (ie. Hydraulic, Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical, Kinetic, Thermal).
- 2. Identify the parts to be locked out and the method to lock them out.
- 3. Notify all affected personnel.
- 4. Shut the power OFF. Make sure all equipment has been de-energized.
- 5. Check the moving parts to make sure they have stopped and make sure no material is rolling or falling.
- 6. Install your own lock and tag at each place you isolate an energy source. If more than one worker is working, each person must install their own locks and tags.
- 7. Check all switches, valves, and gauges. Try operating controls after lock-out to confirm all power is off and locked out.
- 8. Turn off all controls again.
- 9. Neutralize all stored energy if present
- 10. Perform repairs, maintenance and all necessary work.
- 11. Remove only your lock and tag
- 12. Check all workers are cleared from the moving parts area. Use loud start signal (ie. horn) if possible.
- 13. Start-up equipment again.
  - The lock's key is only carried by the person who installed the lock.
  - If the lock has 2 or more keys that can open the lock, keep only one key and throw away the rest. Remember: ONE PERSON, ONE LOCK, ONE KEY.
  - The tag shall include the name of the person, the date and the reason for the lockout.



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- Both lock and tag need to be applied.
- Scissor locks will be used for multiple lockouts.
- For electrical powered equipment, the correct breaker(s) must be shut off and locked out at the electrical panel (ie. shop machinery, electric conveyors).
- Battery boxes will be used on fuel (gas, diesel) powered equipment for lockout. The positive battery cable will be removed from the battery and secured in the lock box. In a series of batteries, use the cable from the battery with wires leading to the starter motor or starter relay.

## NOTE:

## Always refer to the manufacturer instructions for their detailed lockout procedures if available.

- The specific procedures may vary slightly depending on the equipment and set-up.
- Advise your supervisor that the equipment is locked out.

## WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK SOMEONE WHO KNOWS



## ALWAYS USE THE LOCK AND TAG TOGETHER



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## REQUIREMENTS

• All workers must understand and follow the proper procedures when working around electrical equipment and the requirement to lockout and tagout.

## Legislation:

- Industrial Regulations 851, Sections 40-43
- Construction Regulations, Section 188
- Mining Regulations, Sections 155-159,