



KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Lock-out/Tag-out

Lock-out/Tag-out means protecting employees from equipment startup or energy release while they are working on or servicing machinery. The person working on the equipment disconnects it and locks it off until they are done. No one else has access to the lock. That way, no one else can turn it on and accidentally injure someone.

Dozens of construction workers are killed every year because they did not turn off equipment or lock it out before working on it. Most were electrocuted, but some workers were crushed or lost limbs.

Lock-out/Tag-out:

- Determine sources of energy that need to be locked out such as electrical, mechanical, gravitational, thermal, hydraulic, pneumatic and chemical.
- Properly shut down equipment/machines.
- Apply locks to electrical circuits so power.
- Verbally notify all employees about the shutdown.
- Test to see the machine is properly locked out by pushing the start button.
- After the work is completed, notify all employees about the removal of locks and impending restart.

For more information visit OSHA REGULATION:1926.417

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