

CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY

SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS—LOCK IT OUT.



TIME TO REVIEW
5 MIN.



WHAT IT IS:

Lockout/tagout is a warning and prevention system for unexpected start-up and release of stored energy. Two terms which directly relate to this system are:

LOCKOUT

The placement of a lockout device on an energy isolating device, in accordance with an established procedure, to block the flow of energy from a power source to a piece of equipment until the lockout device is removed.

TAGOUT

The process of attaching a tagout device on an energy isolating device, in accordance with an established procedure, to indicate that the energy isolating device and the equipment being controlled may not be operated until the tagout device is removed.



PURPOSE:

To prevent injury to employees by preventing unexpected energization, start-up, or release of stored energy of machines or equipment. Established programs and procedures inform equipment operators and others working in the area that lockout/tagout is being applied and servicing is being performed on the equipment and machinery.



WHO IS AFFECTED:

Lockout/tagout involves three types of employees with different levels of responsibility:

- **Authorized** - Employees who perform the servicing, maintenance, and set-up of equipment or machinery and apply the locks and tags to this equipment.
- **Affected** - Employees who operate or use the equipment or machines which are locked/ tagged out when serviced, maintained, or set-up.
- **Other** - Employees who are neither affected nor authorized employees.



EMPLOYEE TRAINING:

OSHA regulations require that employers provide training:

"to ensure that the purpose and function of the energy control program are understood by employees and that the knowledge and skills required for the safe application, usage, and removal of the energy controls are acquired by employees."

This applies to each authorized, affected, or other employee whose work operations may be in the area of the energy control procedures being utilized.

REMEMBER!



BE AWARE

Stay alert and recognize hazards before they become incidents.



THINK SAFETY

Your actions help create a stronger safety culture.



WORK SMART

Preventing accidents starts with proactive communication.