

LOCKOUT TAGS COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Five OSHA Standards for Compliant Lockout Tags

Lockout tags are among the many devices that prevent employees from accidentally powering up equipment and machinery. And since OSHA allows certain leeways in drawing up lockout/tagout (LOTO) programs, employers should tailor their LOTO devices to their particular needs and stay compliant at the same time. Here are five OSHA standards that will help you select.



29 CFR 1910.147(b)

Indicate that the energy isolating device and equipment being controlled cannot be operated until the tag is removed.



29 CFR 1910.147(c)(5)(ii)(A)(2)

Be constructed and printed so that exposure to water and moisture will not deteriorate the tag or make its message illegible.



29 CFR 1910.147(c)(5)(ii)(D)

Identify the employee applying the devices.



29 CFR 1910.147(d)(4)(iii)

Where tagout devices are used with energy isolating devices designed with the capability of being locked, the tag attachment shall be fastened at the same point at which the lock would have been attached.



29 CFR 1910.147(c)(5)(iii)

Tagout devices shall warn against hazardous conditions if the machine or equipment is energized and shall include a legend such as the following: **Do Not Start. Do Not Open. Do Not Close. Do Not Energize. Do Not Operate.**