

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES

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LOCKOUT/TAGOUT

Some people consider life to be one big chance. They buy lottery tickets weekly believing there's a chance that they will have the winning ticket; they bet on the horses because there's a chance that they'll win; they drink and drive because the chances of getting caught are small. When it comes to lockout/tagout however, taking chances is not an option — no one wins if you don't play by the rules.

Lockout/tagout is necessary whenever you are performing service or maintenance on or around any piece of machinery where you could be injured by an unexpected start-up of the equipment or the release of stored energy. What would happen if you were working on a remote air compressor or pump and all of a sudden it started up? You could be seriously injured if part of the compressor rotated suddenly.

Always follow your employer's lockout/tagout procedures. Here are some reminders to consider.

- Isolate the machine from all of its energy sources before locking out.
- Use appropriate locks and tags.
- Release, disconnect, or block stored energy.
- Verify the lockout by trying the switch or controls.
- Inspect the machine thoroughly and notify other workers before re-starting or re-energizing.
- Never remove a lock or tag other than your own.

Remember that locks and tags do not de-energize equipment. On the other hand, pulling a fuse or flipping a circuit breaker not a substitute for a lock. Many mechanics have lost body parts or even their lives because they or a co-worker by-passed the lockout/tagout procedure.

If your lock is the last one remaining on the lockout device, it's a good idea to check the machine or system and notify your supervisor before restoring energy — just to be safe.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Never share your lockout/tagout locks,
keys, or combinations with anyone!**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____

Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

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