Lock-out/Tag-out Directions

Lock-out/tag-out is a safety protocol used in industrial settings to ensure that machines are properly turned off and cannot be turned on again until maintenance or repairs are completed. The following is a general lock-out/tag-out procedure that can be tailored to meet the needs of specific workplaces:



- 1. **Identify the equipment:** Determine which equipment should be locked out and tagged before performing maintenance or repairs.
- 2. **Notify employees:** Inform all employees who may be affected by the lockout/tagout procedure that maintenance or repair work will be performed.
- 3. Shut off power: Turn off the power to the equipment using the appropriate controls. Make sure to follow all standard procedures for turning off the equipment.
- De-energize the equipment: Remove or isolate any residual energy from the
 equipment. This includes any stored energy such as pressure, heat, or an electrical charge.
- 5. **Lock and tag:** Attach a lock and tag to the energy isolating device(s), preventing the equipment from being turned on until the maintenance or repair work is completed.
- 6. **Verify isolation:** Check that the equipment is properly isolated by attempting to start it. If it doesn't start, the isolation has been successful.
- 7. **Perform maintenance or repair:** Perform the required maintenance or repair work. Remember to follow all standard procedures.
- 8. Remove locks and tags: Once the work is finished, remove the locks and tags. Make sure that all employees are clear of the equipment.
- 9. **Re-energize the equipment:** Turn the power back on and check that the equipment is working properly.
- 10. **Verify equipment safety:** Check that the equipment is safe to use before allowing any employees to continue working on or near it.

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