

LockOut/TagOut

If you operate or use machinery or equipment to which lockout/tagout is applied or work in an area where lockout/tagout is performed, you need to understand:

- The procedures involved in lockout/tagout.
- The reasons for lockout/tagout.
- The dangers involved by interfering with lockout/tagout.



THE REENERGIZING PROCEDURE

AUTHORIZED PERSON

Only the person who applies a lock or tag may remove it and reenergize the equipment.

REMOVE TOOLS

All tools are to be removed and safety guards replaced before the equipment is reenergized.

LOCATE EMPLOYEES

All employees must be safely positioned or removed from the area BEFORE the lockout/tagout devices are removed.

AFFECTED EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION

Affected employees must be notified by the employer or authorized employee of the application and removal of lockout and tagout devices.

FINAL NOTIFICATION

Notification must be given after the controls are removed and before the machine or equipment is started.

When putting equipment back into service, it is important that proper reenergizing procedures occur, to ensure the health and safety of all workers.

