

**WAC 296-803-40020 Make sure tagout devices meet these additional requirements.** (1) You must make sure all tags:

- (a) Use the same print and format within a facility.
- (b) Are constructed and printed so they will not deteriorate and the message on the tag remains legible when:
  - (i) Exposed to weather.
  - (ii) Used in wet or damp locations.
  - (iii) Used in corrosive environments such as areas where acid or alkali chemicals are handled or stored.
- (c) Have a warning about **not** energizing the machine or equipment.

**Note:** The warning on the tag should include wording such as:  
1. Do not start.  
2. Do not open.  
3. Do not close.  
4. Do not energize.  
5. Do not operate.

- (2) You must make sure tagout devices are strong enough to prevent unintentional or accidental removal.
- (3) You must make sure the means used to attach the tag to the energy-isolating device meets all of the following:
  - (a) Is not reusable.
  - (b) Is self-locking.
  - (c) Can be attached by hand.
  - (d) Cannot be released with a force of less than fifty pounds.
  - (e) Is similar in design and basic characteristics to a one-piece, all-environment-tolerant, nylon cable tie.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 17-18-075, § 296-803-40020, filed 9/5/17, effective 10/6/17; WSR 04-15-105, § 296-803-40020, filed 7/20/04, effective 11/1/04.]