

WAC 296-307-32015 What requirements apply to lockout and tagout devices and materials?

(1) You must provide locks, tags, chains, wedges, key blocks, adapter pins, self-locking fasteners, or other hardware for isolating, securing, or blocking machines or equipment from energy sources.

(2) Lockout and tagout devices must be singularly identified; must be the only device(s) used for controlling energy; must not be used for other purposes.

(3) Lockout and tagout devices must be durable and meet the following requirements:

(a) Lockout and tagout devices must be able to withstand the environment to which they are exposed for the maximum period of time that exposure is expected.

(b) Tagout devices must be constructed and printed so that exposure to weather conditions or wet and damp locations will not deteriorate the tag or make the tag's message illegible.

(c) Tags must not deteriorate when used in corrosive environments such as areas where acid and alkali chemicals are handled and stored.

(4) Lockout and tagout devices must be the same within the facility in at least color, shape, or size. Also, tagout devices must have the same print and format.

(5) Lockout and tagout devices must be substantial and meet the following requirements:

(a) Lockout devices must be substantial enough to prevent removal without the use of excessive force or unusual techniques, such as with the use of bolt cutters or other metal cutting tools.

(b) Tagout devices and their means of attachment must be substantial enough to prevent accidental removal. Tagout device attachment means must be single-use, attachable by hand, self-locking, releasable with an unlocking strength of at least 50 pounds, and having the general design and basic characteristics of being at least equivalent to a one-piece, all-environment-tolerant nylon cable tie.

(c) Lockout and tagout devices must indicate the name of employee applying the device(s).

(6) Tagout devices must warn against hazardous conditions if the machine or equipment is energized and must include a message such as: "Do not start," "do not open," "do not close," "do not energize," "do not operate."

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