

WAC 296-307-32021 What additional requirements apply to tagout training and communication? When tagout systems are used, employees must also be trained in the following limitations of tags:

(1) Tags are warning devices affixed to energy isolating devices, and do not provide the physical restraint on those devices that is provided by a lock.

(2) When a tag is attached to an energy isolating means, it is not to be removed without approval of the authorized person responsible for it, and it is never to be bypassed, ignored, or otherwise defeated.

(3) Tags must be legible and understandable by all authorized, affected, and other employees working in the area.

(4) Tags and their means of attachment must be made of materials that will withstand the environmental conditions encountered in the workplace.

(5) Tags may create a false sense of security, and their meaning needs to be understood as part of the overall energy control program.

(6) Tags must be securely attached to energy isolating devices so that they cannot be accidentally detached during use.

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