

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.]