

WAC 296-803-50005 Use energy control procedures. (1) You must use energy control procedures to protect employees servicing or maintaining machines and equipment from potentially hazardous energy.

(2) You must use a lockout system if an energy-isolating device can be locked out.

Exemption:

A tagout system may be used instead of a lockout system if it meets **all** of the following:

1. The tagout device is attached where you would have put the lockout device.
2. The tagout system provides the same level of employee protection as a lockout system.
3. You can demonstrate that the tagout system:
 - a. Meets all tagout requirements of this chapter.
 - b. Includes additional safety measures to provide the same level of safety as a lockout system.

Note:

Additional safety measures used with the tagout system to provide protection equal to a lockout system could include actions such as:

1. Removing part of the isolating circuit.
2. Blocking a controlling switch.
3. Opening an extra disconnecting device.
4. Removing a valve handle.

(3) You must use a tagout system if an energy-isolating device cannot be locked out.

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