LOCKOUT/TAGOUT

LOTO is designed to protect people by preventing unexpected start-up, energizing, or release of stored energy. Failure to lock out or tag power sources on equipment can result in electrocutions, amputations, and other serious or fatal accidents.

HOW TO STAY SAFE AND PREVENT ACCIDENTAL INJURY

• Identify all affected jobs and the equipment that require lockout of power sources.
• Notify impacted staff and post warning signs wherever possible to indicate that lockout is required and clear the area.
• Develop written procedures explaining how lockout is to be done.
• Train the authorized person in the lockout procedures for their specific job function and offer periodic refresher training.
• Maintain operational LOTO keys and tags in the designated accessible location for each piece of equipment unless under lockout.
• Allow no deviation from the written policies and procedures.
• Use engineering and administrative controls as much as possible to reduce the need for lockout.
• Perform regular maintenance to prevent malfunctioning equipment.

The OSHA Standard for The Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout) is 29 C.F.R. 1910.147