

# **Key LOTO Statistics**

Machinery doesn't care if you lose your hand or if your family loses a parent, a brother, a sister or a child.

#### Failure to properly control hazardous energy:

- Causes nearly 10% of serious accidents leading to an average of 24 lost work days for injury recuperation
- 248 deaths in 2012 from electrocution or being caught in running equipment or machinery\*
- Thousands of serious injuries annually



\*Source: Bureau of labor statistics

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# Why do these accidents happen?

Main Causes of Serious Machinery Accidents

- Accidental Restarting of Equipment During Servicing or Repairs
- Failure to Stop Equipment
- Failure to Disconnect From Power Sources
  - Failure to Dissipate Residual Energy
- Failure to Clear Work Areas Before Reactivation
  - People, tools and work materials
- Insufficient Guarding of Dangerous Machinery
  - Nonexistent (or Removed)
  - Poorly Designed/Installed
  - Defeat of Presence Sensing Safety Devices
    - Interlocks, light curtains, etc.





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# The OSHA Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) Standard



The OSHA LOTO Standard The Control of Hazardous Energy CFR 29, Part 1910.147 Lockout / tag out

 Intends to prevent the unexpected energization or start-up of machinery and equipment, or the unintentional release of stored energy



From Master Lock's field experience with US facilities, we estimate:

- Approx. 20% have a functioning LOTO program that meets all or most compliance requirements
- Approx. 50% have addressed the major elements of the LOTO standard in a limited manner, but are still vulnerable to accidents
- Approx. 30% currently have NO significant LOTO program in place

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# Lockout / Tagout continues to be cited as a Top 10 violation by OHSA

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 As a long standing top 10 violation, there is plenty of room for improvement in lockout programs amongst U.S. employers

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# **New Reporting Requirements**

As of January 1, 2015, OSHA's updated reporting rule expands the list of severe injuries that all employers must self report to OSHA

- Previously, employers had to report the following to OSHA:
  - All work-related fatalities
  - Work-related hospitalizations of three or more employees
- Starting in 2015, employers will have to report the following to OSHA:
  - All work-related fatalities
  - (within 8 hours of occurrence)
  - All work-related inpatient hospitalizations of one or more employees
  - All work-related amputations
  - All work-related losses of an eye
    - (within 24 hours of occurrence)
- These type of injuries can be expected to occur from insufficient lockout tag out and/or machine guarding.



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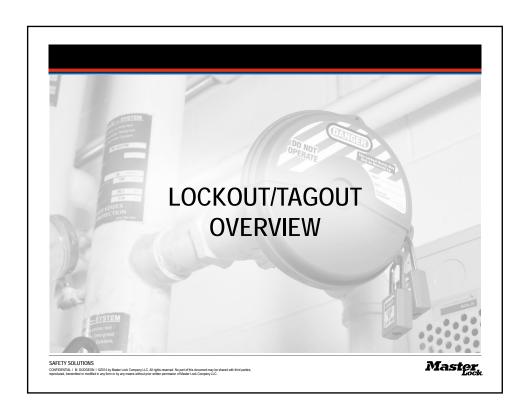
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# It is critical for employees to take personal responsibility for their safety $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($



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#### When does LOTO need to be used

Generally, normal production operations are  $\underline{not}$  covered by the LOTO standard. But, they are covered whenever . . .

- An employee must either remove or bypass machine guards or other safety devices, resulting in exposure to hazards
- An employee is required to place any part of his/her body:
  - In contact with the point of operation
  - Into a danger zone of a machine operating cycle.

According to the standard, servicing and maintenance of equipment is defined to include the following:

- Construction, installation, set up
- Adjusting, inspecting, modifying
- Lubricating, cleaning or jam clearing
- Making adjustments or tool changes



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#### How is lockout different from tagout?

#### Lockout:

- Application of a secured lockout device on an energy isolating device (valve, switch etc.) per the established procedure
- Can't be removed until maintenance complete
- OSHA: If energy isolation device is capable of being locked out, it must be locked out (unless can demonstrate tagout is just as effective).



#### Tagout:

- Application of prominent warning tags on energy isolating devices instead of lockout devices
- At least one other method of protecting personnel must also be utilized during tagout
- Ex: Removal of valve handle
- Often time consuming



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# **Employee Involvement In LOTO**

Employees who work in an area where LOTO is utilized can be classified as either being <u>Authorized</u> to apply LOTO or <u>Affected</u> by nearby application of LOTO

#### **Authorized Employee**

- Fully trained and permitted to apply lockout or tagout control measures to machines or equipment
- Performs equipment servicing or maintenance



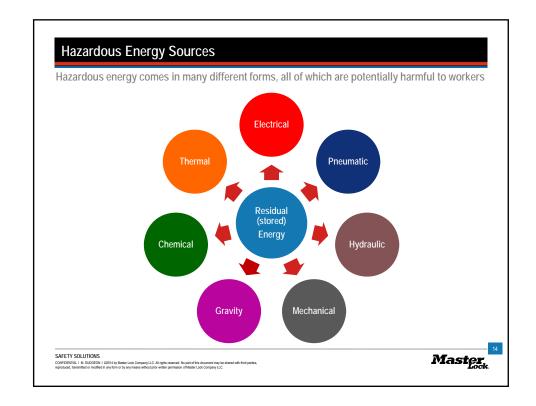
Affected Employee:

- Not fully trained to apply lockout control measures
- Operate machinery that is affected by maintenance or service being performed, or work in the area



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## **Energy Isolation Devices**

Energy isolation devices are mechanical and physically prevent the transmission or release of hazardous energy



 Energy isolation devices must be locked in the OFF position prior to performing servicing or maintenance

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#### **Lockout Tagout Application Exception**

Limited allowances are made for:

Minor tool changes, servicing activities and adjustments do not require LOTO to be applied if they are "routine, repetitive, and integral to the use of the equipment" for production--as long as the work is performed using alternative measures of effective protection.

- Alternative measures must assure that the worker wont be harmed during these exceptions because a safe distance or an adequate temporary shielding method is used.
- Interlocked guards or emergency stops are not considered effective protection by themselves because they only affect control circuitry and not the actual energy sources.

BEST PRACTICE: Be conservative when determining if this allowance applies to a production task. If you are not actively supporting a productive process (i.e. not fixing a problem) and someone could get hurt, this exception clearly does not apply.



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# **Cord and Plug Exception**

The cord and plug exception for LOTO is only valid if:

- The cord and plug is the single energy source with no potential for stored energy.
- Only one worker is performing the servicing or maintenance and the plug remains under their exclusive control
  - Frequently the single worker and exclusive control requirements are not strictly adhered to with accidents being the common outcome



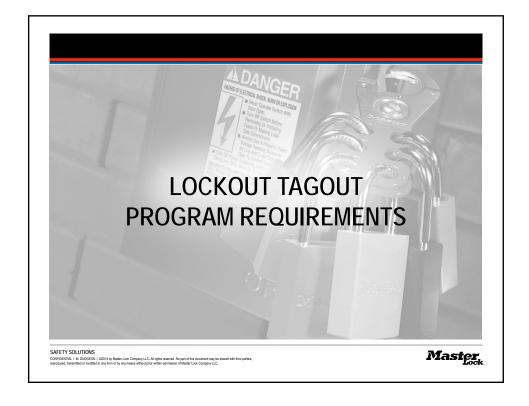
BEST PRACTICE: This exception is frequently abused, hard to monitor, and has resulted in many accidents.

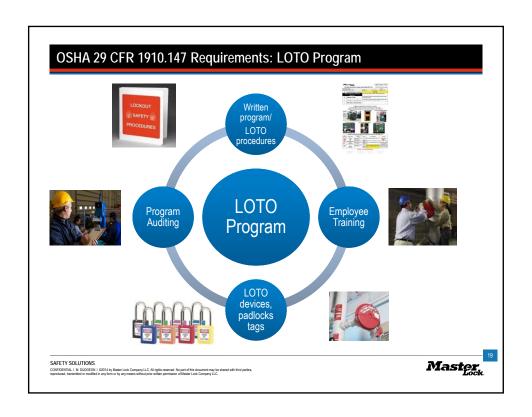
If you are not actively monitoring proper use of this exception LOTO is the best practice to use while working on cord and plug connected equipment

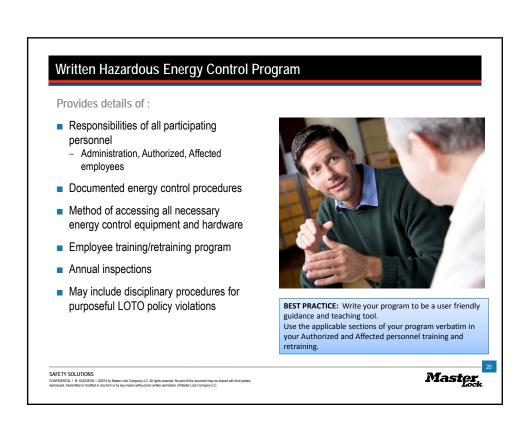
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# Lockout Procedures

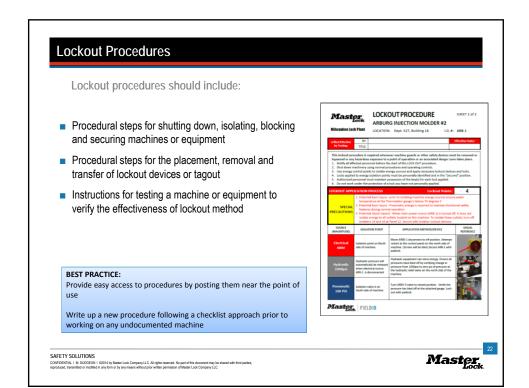
Visual lockout procedures identify the required steps for locking out hazardous energy sources

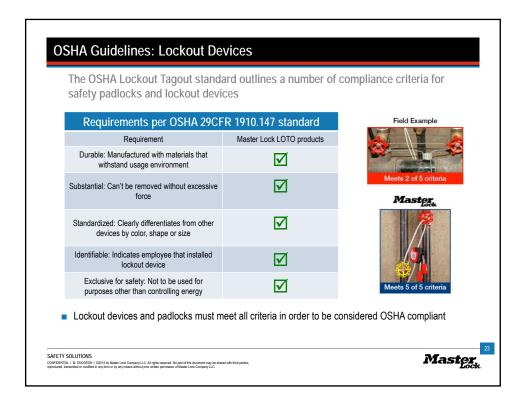
- A machine specific lockout procedure is required for any equipment with:
  - More than one energy source
  - Unique power connections
  - A particular sequence of steps required to shut down the equipment
- Reference tool for identifying the location and process for isolating hazardous energy
  - Should be easily accessible
  - Posted at or located near each machine

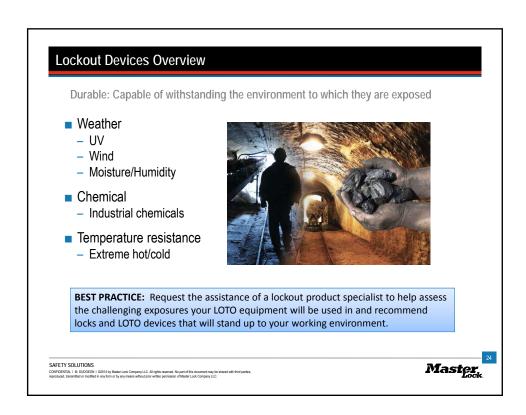


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#### **Lockout Devices Overview**

Substantial: Can't be removed without excessive force

- Lockout devices can't be removed without the use of excessive force
  - Ex: use of bolt cutters or prying off
- Tags must withstand OSHA's 50 lb. pull force requirement
- LOTO devices are a deterrent to tampering or accidental removal, not a security device



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#### **Lockout Devices Overview**

Standardized: Clearly differentiated from other devices by color, shape or size

- Safety padlocks must be visually differentiated in style and /or color from security padlocks within a facility
  - Ensures that workers easily identify LOTO procedures

**BEST PRACTICE:** Using colored padlocks for LOTO clearly differentiates them from a security padlock





Pictured: A red 410 plastic safety padlock is clearly differentiated from a standard security padlock

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#### **Lockout Devices Overview**

Identifiable: Indicates employee that installed lockout device

- Lockout devices must clearly identify the employee that installed the lockout device
  - Employees know who to contact with questions or issues

#### **BEST PRACTICE:**

Utilizing ID customization options on padlocks and devices clearly identifies authorized employees for a LOTO procedure



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#### **Lockout Devices Overview**

Exclusive for Safety: Not to be used for purposes other than controlling energy

- Lockout devices must only be used for safety lockout
  - Using for other purposes can confuse workers and affect their ability to correctly identify when LOTO is being utilized



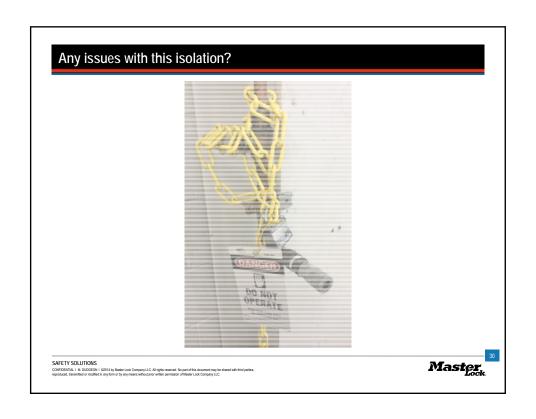
Pictured: An S806 cable lockout device being used to secure a ladder to prevent relocation

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#### Inspections/Audits

Regular, periodic inspections must be carried out at least annually to ensure that employees are following energy control procedures

- The intent of periodic inspections is to confirm:
  - Energy control procedures are implemented properly
  - Employees are familiar with their responsibilities
  - Deviations or procedural inadequacies are corrected
- Performed by an authorized employee who is not involved in the energy control procedure being inspected



**BEST PRACTICE:** Auditing is best done progressively throughout the course of the year. Break down the number of authorized personnel to be audited and divide over 9 months. That leaves 3 months to catch the ones you missed. Audit the written procedure when it is actively being used. Use the 9 mo./3 mo. strategy to have plenty of time to meet OSHA LOTO procedure audit requirements

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#### **Employee Training and Communication**

Employees must be trained so they understand the purpose and function of the LOTO program

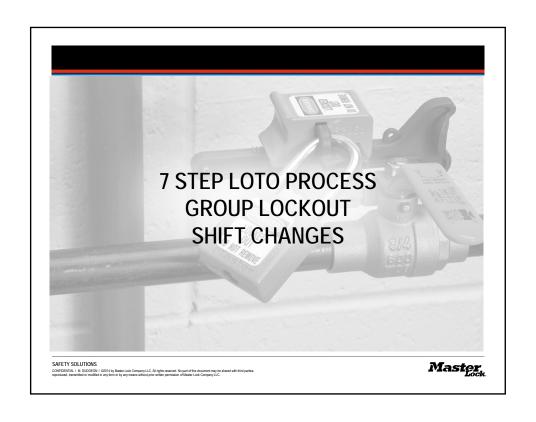
- According to the OSHA standard, employers are responsible for providing:
  - Effective initial training
  - Certification that training has been given to all employees covered by the standard
  - Periodic retraining as necessary
- Training requirements:
  - Authorized employees: Training on the recognition of applicable hazardous energy sources, the type and magnitude of the energy, and the methods for energy isolation
  - Affected employees: Training on the purpose and use of energy control procedures
  - Other Training to identify locked out equipment in the workplace

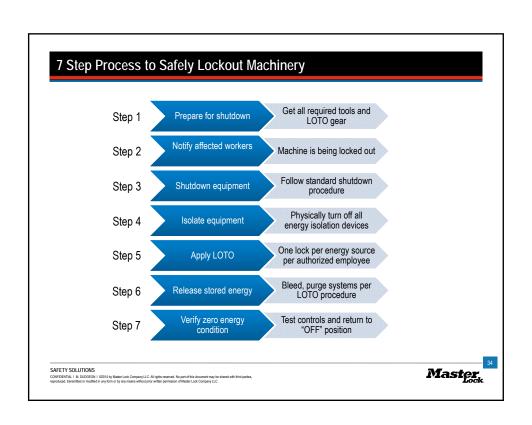


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#### **Lockout Verification**

- As an important precautionary measure, the authorized employee must check to confirm that:
  - The equipment is properly shut down
  - The energy sources have been isolated
  - Lockout and tagout devices are in place
  - Residual energy sources have been neutralized
  - Verify equipment isolation by trying to operate the machine using the normal operating control(s)
  - Metered testing of electrical circuits by qualified personnel may also be required for certain tasks
- Once zero energy condition is verified, return all tested controls to their "off" position





**BEST PRACTICE:** Electrical Safe Work Practices requires meter testing of electrical circuits to verify zero energy if a contact shock/burn hazard could exist. Be sure personnel who do this testing are qualified to perform this skill when working around open conductors.

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### **Shift or Personnel Changes**

Specific procedures shall be utilized during shift or personnel changes to ensure the continuity of lockout or tagout protection

- Orderly transfer of lockout or tagout device protection between off-going and incoming employees, to minimize exposure to hazards
  - Incoming employee adds lock before off-going employee removes lock
- Notify incoming Affected Employees that lockout is in place
- Re-test all operating controls to verify energy is truly neutralized
  - Don't count on the last crew to verify your safety
  - Replace controls in off/neutral position



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# **Emergency Removal Requirements**

Locks/Tags may only be removed by the Authorized Employee who affixed the lock/tag.

If it becomes necessary to remove a lock/tag that has inadvertently been left by an employee, the following steps must be followed:

- Notify the person's supervisor
- Ensure that the person is not on the premises
- Attempt to contact him/her at home
- Management authorizes the removal of lock/tags according to the emergency removal procedure
- Document the removal activity
- Notify the Authorized Employee prior to his/her returning to work



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