



Lockout Tag out Policy

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Here at the J & G Group of Companies it is our policy that machines or hand tools are locked out of found to be in an unsafe condition.

Each year in construction and the associated trades several serious or fatal accidents occur as a result of mistakenly assuming that machinery or equipment was safely off or de-energized before working on it.

In order to prevent such occurrences, it is absolutely essential for your employer to have an effective lockout procedure in place and to ensure it is diligently practiced without exception.

A “lockout procedure” is a written practice which, when followed, will allow workers to carry out their job functions without undue risk of injury. The procedure can be quite complex, such as the locking out of an entire processing system. A lockout may be electrical or mechanical in nature. This is due to the fact that there are many different sources or types of energy in addition to electrical energy. For instance, there is stored energy in hydraulic and air powered systems and transfer vessels as well as spring energy and gravity systems.

However, it really doesn't matter what type of hazard or energy source you are faced with, the truth of the matter is that there is a way to reduce the equipment to a state of zero energy so that it cannot cause harm to you or any of your coworkers.

Because the hazards of working on live or energized equipment are so great and the results often so tragic, it is not surprising that provincial workplace safety and health regulations are very explicit on the subject.