



Lockout/Tagout Saves Lives

Lockout/Tagout is one of the most important protections we have as electrical workers.

Many serious injuries—and fatalities—happen because equipment was assumed to be de-energized when it wasn't. Lockout/Tagout exists to prevent unexpected energization, arc flash, and electrical shock.

Key Points to Remember

- **Lockout/Tagout is required** before starting any electrical work. It is not optional and not a judgment call.
- Always **identify all energy sources**. That includes electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, or stored energy.
- **Never assume a circuit is dead**. After locking out, always test with an approved meter to verify zero energy.
- Each worker must use **their own lock and tag**. If it's not your lock, don't touch it.
- Never remove or bypass another worker's lock—no exceptions.
- Wear the required **arc-rated PPE**, especially when testing or working near energized equipment.

Shortcuts can save minutes—but cost lives. Taking the extra time to lock it out, tag it out, and verify zero energy protects you, your coworkers, and everyone on site.

If something doesn't feel right, **stop the job and speak up**. Safety is everyone's responsibility, and no task is so urgent that it can't be done safely.

Let's work smart, follow Lockout/Tagout every time, and make sure everyone goes home safe.