Reference Guide for
Lockout Tagout 29 CFR 1910.147

US Code of Federal Regulations

• 29 CFR 1910 – General Industry Standards

• 29 CFR 1910.147 – Subpart J Environmental Controls/ Lockout Tagout Standard

Standard Interpretations (Letters of Interpretation)


• Certain provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) lockout/tagout standard. (1995, September 19). Periodic inspection 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6); annual inspection of the energy control procedure (c)(6)(i). For further clarification regarding compliance with periodic inspection requirements, see the March 9, 2004 Letter of Interpretation.

• Cord and plug connected electric equipment. (1993, June 30). Defines what "under the exclusive control of the employee" means with respect to cord and plug connected electric equipment 29 CFR 1910.147(a)(2)(iii)(A).


• Label Tagging Devices. (1994, August 12). Discusses energy control procedure 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4); work on cord and plug (a)(2)(iii)(A); normal production operation (a)(2)(ii) Exception; when service and maintenance work is covered during normal production (c)(4); specific procedures required for the control of hazardous energy (c)(4)(ii); and electrical safety-related work practices 1910.333(b)(2).
• Control of Hazardous Energy Sources (Group Lockout/Tagout). (1991, January 29). Indicates that each servicing/maintenance employee in all cases must be permitted to verify that all energy sources are isolated and to affix a personal lock or tag either on each energy isolation device or on the group lockout device, group lockbox, or comparable mechanism.


Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
• Safety and health topics/ Control of Hazardous Energy/ Lockout Tagout http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/controlhazardousenergy/index.html

Selected Case Law

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit 05/05/1996 - No. 95-2779 - DCS Sanitation Management, Inc.

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