

TOOL TYPE **CHECKLIST**

GEOGRAPHY **US**

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SAFETYSMART COMPLIANCE

Lockout/Tagout Device Self-Assessment:

Lockout/tagout ([Sec. 1910.147](#)) is perennially listed in OSHA's top 10 most violated standards. One reason LOTO generates so many citations is the failure of employers to provide the right equipment. Here's a 17-question self-assessment you can use to determine if you comply with LOTO device requirements.

You should be able to answer YES to all 17 of these questions:

1. Do you provide locks, chains, wedges, key blocks, adapter pins, self-locking fasteners or other hardware for isolating, securing or blocking machines/equipment from energy sources? YES NO
2. Are lockout and tagout devices singularly identified as lockout and tagout devices? YES NO
3. Are your dedicated lockout and tagout devices the only device(s) used for controlling energy? YES NO
4. Can you verify that lockout and tagout devices aren't used for any other purposes? YES NO
5. Are your lockout and tagout devices capable of withstanding the environment, e.g., weather, temperature, atmospheric and other external conditions, to which they're exposed for the maximum time period that exposure is expected? YES NO
6. Are tagout devices constructed and printed so that exposure to weather conditions or wet and damp locations doesn't cause the tag to deteriorate or render the message on the tag illegible? YES NO
7. Can you verify that tags don't deteriorate when they're used in corrosive environments such as areas involving the use or storage of acids or alkali chemicals? YES NO

8. Is the color of lockout and tagout devices standardized within your facility? YES NO

9. Is the shape of lockout and tagout devices is standardized within your facility? YES NO

10. Is the format of lockout and tagout devices is standardized within your facility? YES NO

11. Are tagout devices standardized with regard to print? YES NO

12. Are tagout devices standardized with regard to format? YES NO]

13. Are lockout device substantial enough to prevent removal without use of excessive force or unusual techniques, e.g., removal with bolt cutters or other metal cutting tools? YES NO

14. Are tagout devices, including their means of attachment, substantial enough to prevent inadvertent or accidental removal? YES NO

15. Are tagout device attachment means of a non-reusable type, attachable by hand, self-locking and non-releasable with a minimum unlocking strength of no less than 50 pounds and have the general design and basic characteristics of being at least equivalent to a one-piece, all environment-tolerant nylon cable tie? YES NO

16. Do lockout and tagout devices indicate the identity of the worker applying the device(s) ? YES NO

17. Do tagout devices warn against hazardous conditions if the machine or equipment is energized and include a legend such as:

- **Do Not Start;**
- **Do Not Open;**
- **Do Not Close;**
- **Do Not Energize; or**
- **Do Not Operate.**

YES NO