

Lockout Procedure



Companies have a duty to protect workers both while using equipment and machinery for their intended purpose and when repairing and maintaining that equipment. The primary way of fulfilling that duty is through what's called 'lockout,' which is when a equipment has been turned off and rendered inoperable with the use of a lock. The OHS laws generally require employers to have written lockout procedures that workers must follow.

HOW TO USE THE TOOL

Adapt this basic Model Lockout Procedure for the machinery and equipment in your workplace. Make sure that it's consistent with your lockout policy and the requirements in your jurisdiction's OHS law. And train all workers who use such machinery and equipment on the procedures.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

AB: Guide to Part 15 of the *OHS Code 2009*

MB: Guideline for Safeguarding Machinery and Equipment

NB: Lockout Hazard Alert; Lockout Handout; Lockout Safety Talk; Lockout Checklist

NS: Lock-out: A Guide to Part 6 of the Occupational Safety General Regulations