



Safety Counts:

- On average, "13 people are fatally injured each day on the job"
- The most workplace fatalities are males between 45-54 years old.
- Safety needs to be a way of life, not a slogan.
- Over 200 deaths each year could be prevented by compliance with OSHA- required Lockout /Tagout procedures.
- Kepa has some of the best trained and most experienced talents in the Lockout /Tagout compliance field. Some are pioneers in this area of expertise.
- Kepa's past performances include some of the most prestigious hospitals, such as the VA Northern Chicago Hospitals, VA Milwaukee Hospitals, VA Atlanta hospitals and more.

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Experience Can Breed Complacency

Every time I update my classroom training materials, I am amazed at some of the statistics.

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (2012), "The final count of fatal work injuries in the U.S. in 2010 was 4,690."

This means that an average of 13 people don't come home from work each day. The statistics also show that the majority of fatalities are among white males between the ages of 45-

54 years old and close to 5% of that is death or injuries due to lack of Lockout and Tagout compliance required by OSHA in 29 CFR 1910.147(a)(1) & 174(b).

This "experience" leads many to believe that with over 10 years of experience, these people have become lax about safety and take greater risks while at work.

We can't tell you how many times it happened in the industry where

someone says "I have done this hundreds of times before" and then get injured on the job because they cut corners, or lack machine-specific knowledge or instructions.

Managers often have the difficult job of policing this type of behavior. Of course, the best prevention is to comply with OSHA. When "Safety First" is a way of life, people learn to look out for each other and comply with the law.

Joint Commission and OSHA Lockout/Tagout Compliance

Through numerous conversations with facility managers, inspectors, and consultants we have found three basic areas that the Joint Commission and OSHA look at when it comes to Lockout/Tagout.

First, they look for machine specific procedures. OSHA (1999) states:

"The use of generic energy control procedures alone are unacceptable, since generic procedures do not meet the provisions set forth in 1910.147(c)(4)(ii). OSHA believes that a specific and documented procedure is

necessary for most energy control situations because of the number of variables involved in controlling hazardous energy and the need for authorized employees to carefully follow the sequential steps in the energy control policy. "

The second area of concern is annual training. 29 CFR 1910.147 (c) (7) covers the employers responsibility for training authorized employees, maintaining lockout/tagout training records.

Third, OSHA and the Joint Commission are

concerned about Annual policy reviews.

We all know that most facilities have construction or remodeling going on constantly. Without having a policy in place to catch these changes, and update policies and procedures, many facilities find that their own lockout/tagout procedures and policies have become obsolete.

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Workplace Violence is Becoming a Greater Problem

As we have seen in recent weeks, violence can happen anywhere and at any time.

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics (2012) show there were 270 workplace suicides and 518 workplace homicides in 2010.

The statistics show a shift

from robbery-related homicides to more cases caused by domestic dispute.

In 2010, the majority of workplace homicides were committed by close friends or relatives, primarily current or former spouses.

The Texas Department

of Insurance has a 2 page fact sheet with some great information. Click:

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/videoresource/fswvpstrat.pdf>. The annual injuries and deaths related to Logout and Tagout can be found in www.kepasi.com

Continued Lockout/Tagout Compliance

After reading the article on compliance, if you feel your program is in need of review or a complete overhaul, give us a call for a no obligation consultation.

With both in house and industry partnerships, we

About Our Organization...

Kepa Services Inc. (KEPA) is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned (SDVO) and 8(a) certified Company.

As a Professional Construction Management Services Company, we specialize in General Contracting, Design-Build Construction for government and commercial projects, and safety compliance

can assist you in design, creation, and implementation of a Graphical Lockout /Tagout program and machine specific procedures. We also provide annual classroom training and procedure review

services.

KEPA's owners and management staff have, on average, over ten years of experience in multi-million dollar project execution that incorporates team building, construction management, quality control and field operations. We have never failed to deliver a

project.

Our compliance team members have helped most federal, as well as numerous state, county, and municipal government entities. We are proud to have many Fortune 500 companies as satisfied customers with our safety compliance programs.

ID	Source	Location	Method	Check	Device
1.5.0	Steam Inlet 30 PSI	Valve is located above West side of heater.	Close S-1 valve. Lock out.	Verify line is isolated.	Gate Valve Lockout.
1.5.1	Steam Inlet 30 PSI	Valve is located above West side of heater.	Close S-2 valve. Lock out.	Verify line is isolated.	Gate Valve Lockout.
1.5.3	Steam Condensate 30 PSI	Valve is located on South side of heater.	Close S-3 valve. Lock out.	Verify line is isolated.	Gate Valve Lockout.
1.5.5	Disinfectant Water Inlet	Valve is located on the West side of heater.	Close W-1 valve. Lock out.	Verify pressure has bled off.	Universal Ball Valve Lockout.
1.5.7	Domestic Hot Water 100 PSI	Valve is located on the West side of heater.	Close W-2 valve. Lock out.	Verify pressure has bled off.	Universal Ball Valve Lockout.

A great quote to start 2013

If Not Excellence, What? If Not Excellence Now, When?

"Strive for excellence. Ignore success."— Professional driver Bill Young

"Excellence can be obtained if you:
Care more than others think is wise;
Risk more than others think is safe;
Dream more than others think is practical;
Expect more than others think is possible."

—K. Sriram @ tompeters.com