

Mar 15 – Lockout Tagout



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In November 2021, OSHA reported three workers who had severe injuries in two separate incidents related to the failure to implement controls for unintentional energization of equipment during servicing. Later that month, a production manager was trapped in a thermoforming machine when the conveyor cycled automatically, leading to fatal injuries.

It was supposed to be a typical day for the production manager, who attempted to clear plastic parts stuck in a thermoforming machine. However, OSHA reported that the worker was trapped and fatally crushed when the machine’s conveyor automatically cycled.

During the investigation, OSHA found that the company continued to conduct maintenance and service jobs while machine parts moved after opening an interlocked machine enclosure door. According to OSHA, the company also had insufficient energy control procedures and lacked practical training and retraining of their workers.

“Our investigation found that the company removed jams and performed other service and maintenance tasks with the knowledge that its inadequate and failing lockout tagout procedures exposed its workers to the risks associated with moving machine parts,” said Larry Johnson, OSHA Area Director in Columbus, Ohio.

As a result, OSHA's verdict was to cite one repeat, one willful, five serious, and two other safety violations against the company. OSHA also proposed \$291,086 as a penalty. OSHA noted that this accident would have been prevented if the company had corrected failures leading to the incident.

These stories have one overarching lesson: failure to implement lockout tagout procedures can lead to severe and fatal injuries. In addition, both companies faced fines and citations from OSHA as a result of their failures.

Lockout/Tagout mistakes cost lives, cost money, and cost time, but what are the mistakes you are making in your program and training that may be leading to this safety hazard?

Join Kenny Young of Trinity Safety as he walks you through the do's and don'ts of effective lockout/tagout processes and training for employers.

At Trinity, Kenny Young prides himself on the quality of his training. Trinity delivers well-prepared, engaging training sessions that are designed for students to take an active part in the learning experience.

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