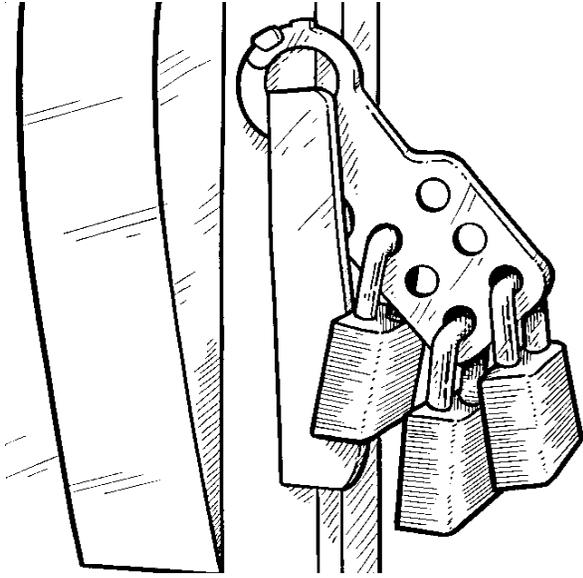


Work **Safe!** Bulletin

Locking-Out and Tagging of Electrical Equipment

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An electrician was seriously injured when he fell from a ladder after receiving an electrical shock. This was the result of not tagging and locking-out the electrical circuit prior to working on the equipment.

The worker was performing maintenance work of a lighting circuit. He had turned off the circuit breaker at the panel box which was located some distance from where he was working. An employee of the establishment, not being aware of the work in progress, turned on the circuit breaker as was normal practice each morning.

The electrician was working with uninsulated circuit wire joints and received a shock which caused him to lose his balance and fall to the floor. He suffered serious head and chest injuries and burns to his hands.

Proper work practices would have prevented this accident.

The electrical panel should have been tagged and locked-out by the worker doing the work, so that no one else could turn the circuit breaker on until maintenance work was completed.

Electricity is silent, invisible and dangerous: treat it with caution and respect!

REMEMBER

Proper tagging and lock-out procedures must be used anytime work is being performed on electrical systems, machines, or equipment.