6 STEPS TO LOCKOUT/TAGOUT



1. PREPARE FOR SHUTDOWN

Review energy type, hazards & how to control the energy. Notify affected workers.



2. SHUTDOWN

Follow the company and/or manufacturer guidelines for shutting down the equipment/machinery in a safe and orderly manner.



3. ISOLATION

De-energize and render inoperative. Transmission or release of energy must be physically prevented.



4. LOCKOUT / TAGOUT

Place lockout devices (physical locks) on energy isolation devices. Provide prominent warnings with tagout devices (LOTO tags).



5. RELEASE STORED ENERGY

Ensure that any residual or stored energy left in machinery or equipment is released.



6. VERIFY ISOLATION

Verify that "zero energy state" (ZES) has been accomplished before work on the machine/equipment begins.