



Weekly Safety Tip

The 12 Days of Safety

The holiday season is a time for twinkling lights and joyful celebrations. It's also an important opportunity to prioritize safety and well-being. We share our warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

To help ensure your holidays remain merry and bright, here are 12 essential safety tips.

1 Never place or leave decorations near open flames, like candles. 	2 Water live trees regularly; keep them away from heat sources. 
3 Turn off lights when away/asleep. 	
4  Poinsettias and mistletoe are toxic; keep away from pets.	5 Never leave cooking or baking unattended. 
6 Maintain wood-burning fireplaces, don't burn wrapping paper. 	7 Unplug space heaters when sleeping or leaving the room. 
8 Test & check batteries in smoke detectors. 	9 Use extension cords properly, don't overload circuits 
10 If stuck in heavy snow, make sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow. 	11 Only make online purchases from trusted retailers. 
12 Drive sober, make a plan to get home safely. 	

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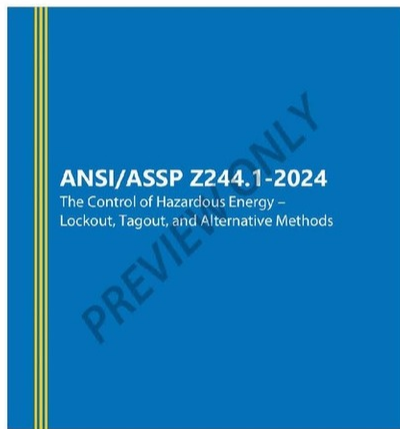
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Lockout Tagout Standard Has Been Updated and Issued



A Safety & Health Share

Z244.1 establishes requirements for machines, equipment, and processes in which the unexpected energization or start-up of the machines or equipment, release of stored energy, or the actions of persons could result in harm to personnel. The standard specifies the use of lockout, tagout, or alternative methods to control hazardous energy associated with machines, equipment, or processes. Its purpose is to establish requirements that protect personnel where harm can occur as a result of the unexpected release of hazardous energy.



Z244.1-2024 has been issued with significant changes that include:

- Elevating **alternative methods** to be a co-equal choice with LOTO for the control of hazardous energy
- Updated certain definitions
- Added a new Section 5 on **Hazardous Control Methods**
- Partially reorganized the document content
- Updated the flowchart in Figure 1
- Addressed **cybersecurity** aspects
- Added content for **mobile applications**
- Modified text to become *Group Energy Control and Complex Energy Control*
- Added requirement for piping systems
- Updated requirements for *alternate methods* (Section 9)
- Added content on feasible risk reduction
- Added content of fault annunciation
- Added new content on **zoned or partitioned machines or equipment**
- Developed new content for energy control for processes
- Updated the appendices

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