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# CONN-OSHA Lockout/Tagout Workshop Geared To Prevent Injuries, Save Lives

WETHERSFIELD, March 31, 2017 – Knowing how to properly disable or shut down equipment prior to service or maintenance activities can make the difference between safe working procedures or serious injury.

Lockout/tagout procedures that should be used to prevent the release of hazardous energy during equipment shutdowns will be outlined during an April 12 workshop sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). Running from 10 a.m. to noon, the session will be held at the agency’s Central Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

“Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration studies show that compliance with Lockout/Tagout procedures prevent an estimated 120 fatalities and 50,000 injuries per year,” said CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist Catherine Zinsser, who is facilitating the session. “Employees servicing or maintaining machines or equipment can be exposed to serious physical harm or even death if hazardous energy is not properly controlled,” she adds.

The workshop includes a review of federal OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.147 that sets forth safety requirements when employees are working with machinery containing “hazardous energy” – including electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, and other sources of potentially hazardous energy.

There is no admission to the workshop but pre-registration is required. Please contact Zinsser at [catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:catherine.zinsser@ct.gov) to register for the session or for additional information.

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