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# CONN-OSHA Lockout/Tagout Workshop Explores Ways To Prevent Release of Hazardous Energy

WETHERSFIELD, January 24, 2018 – Practices and procedures to prevent the release of hazardous energy will be detailed during a February 6 workshop being held 10 a.m. to noon at the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Wethersfield Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard.

The *Lockout/Tagout* workshop, offered by the agency’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA), will look at ways to properly disable or shut down dangerous equipment safely in order to perform servicing and maintenance. These practices can make the difference between a potentially serious injury or even death, with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration reporting that compliance with the Lockout/Tagout procedure prevents an estimated 120 fatalities and 50,000 injuries every year.

“Employees servicing or maintaining machines and equipment can be exposed to serious physical harm or death if hazardous energy is not properly controlled,” explains Catherine Zinsser, CONN-OSHA training specialist, who is facilitating the workshop. “During the workshop, we’ll take a close-up look at federal OSHA standards that protect employees working with machinery containing hazardous energy – anything using electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, thermal, or other sources of potentially hazardous energy.”

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

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