

SEPTEMBER 2026 - MONTHLY DIGEST

SAFETY INFORMER

Your monthly briefing on Cal/OSHA updates, field-tested training, and the safety culture that protects California's workforce.



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01 OSHA REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE UPDATES

ENFORCEMENT

Fines aren't slowing down Just last month, a Pennsylvania brick manufacturer was cited nearly \$500K for willfully exposing workers to silica hazards, and a Wisconsin food manufacturer was cited following repeated safety failures tied to three fatalities. So continue to stay alert and up to date.

DOCUMENTATION

ITA Non-Responder Program is active. OSHA is now running weekly matches between open inspections and employers who failed to submit CY2025 injury data — the September 2 citation deadline has passed, and enforcement is ongoing.

CHEMICAL SAFETY

HazCom deadline is closing in. Employers have until November 20 to update written HazCom programs, labels, and training to GHS Revision 7 — under 10 weeks out.

ENERGY CONTROL

Heat NEP remains active nationwide. OSHA's Lockout/Tagout standard continues to be one of its most frequently cited — a good reminder to check your LOTO program below.

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02 ON THE GROUND

This month: catching up on the events, conversations, and industry moments our team took part in

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03 LOCKOUT / TAGOUT: CONTROLLING THE ENERGY YOU CAN'T SEE



Machines don't need to be running to be dangerous. Stored energy in a line, a spring, or a capacitor can release without warning during servicing. Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) is the process that keeps that from happening, and it remains one of OSHA's *most frequently cited* standards.

LOTO applies any time equipment is serviced or maintained and could unexpectedly start up or release hazardous energy — electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, or thermal.

A few essentials keep workers safe:

- **Identify every energy source.** A machine can have more than one — electrical may be off while hydraulic pressure is still live.
- **Lock it, tag it, verify it.** Isolate the energy, tag who did it, and confirm de-energization before work begins.
- **Only the authorized employee removes their lock.** No exceptions, even to keep things moving.

Bottom Line:

OSHA estimates proper LOTO procedures prevent roughly 120 fatalities and 50,000 injuries every year. Identify the energy, lock it out, and verify before anyone touches the equipment.

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