



Lockout-tagout

It's no small risk.

One of the biggest safety challenges is overcoming the assumption that an electrical maintenance job is too small for lockout/tagout. Bypassing a lockout procedure because it appears to be an unnecessary nuisance can cost lives.

Locks and lockout devices used for lockout/tagout must be individually identified, and keyed and available at all times. They must clearly be identified as devices used only for controlling energy. A device must identify the employee authorized to use it and be applied so it holds the disconnect switch in a neutral or off position. It can be removed only by the person who applied the device. If more than one person works on the same equipment, each must attach his or her own lock.

Using lockout/tagout procedures save lives, time and money by reducing workplace accidents and increasing the efficiency of electrical inspection and maintenance procedures.

And that's smart safety!

For additional information or guidance, contact your safety office.