

ULINARY ARTS TOOLBOX TALK

LOCKOUT



Lockout means that you are cutting off the power supply to a piece of equipment. You can do this by turning off a master switch, or just by unplugging it. Equipment that is not properly locked out can accidentally be turned on, which can result in severe injuries or even death. The most common injuries are severed fingers and crushed limbs, but injuries are sometimes fatal.



SAFETY TIPS

For any equipment that requires lockout, do not operate the equipment until you have been trained in how to lock it out.

Lockout involves the following steps:

- 1. Shut off the machinery or equipment. Make sure that all moving parts have come to a complete stop. Make sure that shutting off equipment does not cause a hazard to other workers.
- 2. Identify and de-activate the on/off switch.

- **3.** Apply a personal lock to the on/off switch, if possible unplug the machine, and ensure that all parts and attachments cannot move unexpectedly.
- 4. Test the lockout to make sure it is working.
- **5.** Make sure no one else can start a piece of equipment while you're working on it.
- **6.** Before you re-start a piece of equipment, ensure that no one else could be hurt.

EXAMPLES OF HAZARDS

· Dough machines

Meat slicers

• Walk-in freezers or refrigerators



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