

Case study

Efficient, machine-specific Lockout procedures



A large food processor increased the efficiency of Lockout/Tagout procedures for safer maintenance with support from Brady.

Challenges

Optimise Lockout/Tagout

A large food processor already had a number of Lockout/Tagout solutions in place. However, as the number of machines increased and became more complex, the need to optimise existing Lockout/Tagout procedures became a priority.

The food processor wanted a practical system that could offer a clear view on all Lockout procedures and on all machinery in use at 2 production sites.

Solutions

Lockout procedure writing service

We proposed full Lockout/Tagout Services for both sites. After a kickoff meeting to fine-tune the scope of each service, Brady sent an overview of all deliverables with a clear pricing system and an ambitious 6-month horizon for final delivery.

A Brady engineer visited both sites, accompanied by an experienced customer maintenance professional. During these visits, our engineer looked closely at every machine in use, took notes and pictures to write efficient, machine specific Lockout/Tagout procedures. Our engineer also illustrated the procedures with machine and energy control point pictures for fast recognition on the work floor.

Customer stakeholders received illustrated procedures via Brady's unique LINK360 Safety Procedure Management Software. The software offers a clear view on all Lockout procedures in use and can be accessed by stakeholders across sites to approve, edit, scale, print or digitally share procedures. Brady provided LINK360 training so that our customer can keep the procedure management software up to date independently.

Lockout devices were already available at both sites to block energy control points in the off-position, together with safety padlocks to lock the devices in place. Brady can easily supply additional devices and padlocks if needed, complete with padlock engraving and key charting.



Results

Optimised, efficient Lockout/Tagout

While Lockout/Tagout procedure writing was ongoing for the 2 sites, our customer increased the scope to include another site in the same country, and 1 more in a neighbouring country. At all 4 sites, we are now looking into making a total of 1000+ efficient, machine specific best practice Lockout/Tagout procedures available to relevant employees on smartphones and tablets with the Brady Smart Lockout App.

