



AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Freeze the Hazards: Your February LOTO Refresher

A mid-winter LOTO refresher is a good checkpoint, especially with frozen valves and stiff actuators increasing the need for proper isolation. Winter work often brings in outside contractors, so reviewing coordination and reinforcing your facility’s LOTO rules is essential. It’s also a smart time to update documentation and make sure procedures and equipment lists are current.

- [Let’s Talk LOTO Printable PDF](#)
- [LOTO & Stored Energy Printable PDF](#)
- [LOTO OSHA Print to Fill Form](#)
- [LOTO OSHA E-Tool/Tutorial](#)
- [LOTO and the Outside Contractor](#)



REMINDER!!!!!!
2026 OSHA 300 LOGS
MUST BE POSTED FEBRUARY 1st – April 30th, 2026
[RECORD KEEPING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS-CLICK](#)

Strong Hearts, Safe Operations

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, and workplace conditions can play a significant role in heart health. Employees may be exposed to both common and less frequent job-related factors that place added strain on the heart and circulatory system. As an employer, recognizing how work environments influence cardiovascular health is an important part of protecting your workforce and supporting their well-being on and off the job.

- [About Work Related Heart Disease](#)
- [Occupational Exposures that Increase Heart Disease](#)
- [How to Promote a Healthy Heart in the Workplace](#)
- [Cardiovascular Disease Cost the Employer](#)



Keep Your Footing: Even When the Plant Freezes Over

Icy access points at clarifiers, headworks, treatment basins, loading areas, and along collection routes can create dangerous footing. Frozen grating, steps, and platforms become extremely slick, and snow-packed areas around trucks or dumpsters add to the hazard. Proper footwear—insulated boots with good traction or approved slip-resistant devices—is key to staying upright. Regular de-icing with salt, sand, or calcium chloride helps keep walkways and high-traffic areas safer and reduces injury risks for all. **Resources below:**

[Winter Weather - National Weather Service](#)



FEBRUARY INCIDENT DISCUSSION

QUESTION FOR SAFETY COMMITTEE/EMPLOYEE DISCUSSION: An employee was inspecting a valve flange when it unexpectedly shifted, trapping their finger and causing a partial amputation. **What safety precautions should be in place to avoid this incident?**

[OSHA Near Miss Incident Template](#)

[OSHA Severe Injury Reporting](#)

If you have any safety or risk management issues the AEA Safety Committee is here to help!
Need answers or resources email JKessler@acua.com or Karen@aeanj.org
Our committee meets quarterly if you would like to join us!
Our next scheduled Zoom meeting is Friday, April 17th at 10:00 am
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