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# Training Technicians on Lockout Tagout Procedures

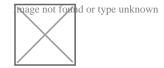
Training technicians on Lockout Tagout (LOTO) procedures is an essential aspect of workplace safety, particularly in industries where machinery and high-energy sources are prevalent. LOTO procedures are designed to protect workers from the unexpected startup of machinery or the release of hazardous energy during maintenance activities. The effectiveness of these procedures heavily relies on how well technicians are trained, as their understanding and application directly impact safety outcomes.

The first step in training technicians on LOTO involves a comprehensive introduction to what LOTO is and why its critical. This foundational knowledge sets the stage by explaining that LOTO is not just a regulatory requirement but a life-saving protocol. Trainers should emphasize real-life scenarios where lack of proper LOTO led to accidents, thereby illustrating the dire consequences of non-compliance.

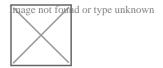


Following this introduction, the training must delve into the specifics of identifying all energy sources associated with equipment. Technicians need to learn how to recognize electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, and thermal energy sources that could pose risks. This part of the training often includes hands-on sessions where trainees can physically trace energy pathways in actual or simulated environments. Such

practical exercises help solidify theoretical knowledge through direct experience.



Next, trainers should focus on the procedural steps involved in locking out and tagging out equipment. This includes demonstrating how to shut down machinery properly, apply lockout devices, and attach tags that inform others about the ongoing maintenance work. Each step should be broken down into clear actions: from notifying affected employees before shutdown to testing equipment to ensure all energy sources are isolated. Here, role-playing can be particularly effective; one trainee might act as the technician performing LOTO while another plays a coworker who needs access to the equipment during this time.



An integral part of this training is also teaching about group lockout/tagout procedures when multiple workers are involved in servicing one piece of equipment. Understanding roles like primary authorized employee versus affected employees helps in managing complex scenarios where coordination is key.

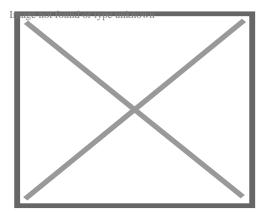
Moreover, continuous reinforcement through periodic refresher courses is crucial since regulations and technology evolve over time. These updates can include new types of lockout devices or changes in compliance standards which might affect current practices. Additionally, incorporating feedback from technicians who have applied LOTO in real situations can enrich training content by highlighting practical challenges and solutions.

Simulation-based training using virtual reality or augmented reality technologies could also enhance learning by providing immersive experiences where mistakes can be made safely without real-world consequences. However, even with advanced tools, traditional methods like classroom instruction combined with field practice remain invaluable for ensuring that every technician understands both theory and practice thoroughly.

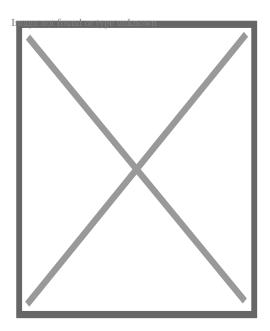
In conclusion, training technicians on Lockout Tagout procedures is not merely about ticking off compliance boxes; its about instilling a culture of safety that prioritizes human life over operational efficiency. Effective training must be engaging, practical, regularly updated, and tailored to address both standard protocols and unique workplace challenges faced by technicians daily. By investing in thorough LOTO education, organizations safeguard their workforce against potential hazards while fostering a proactive approach towards safety management within their operations.

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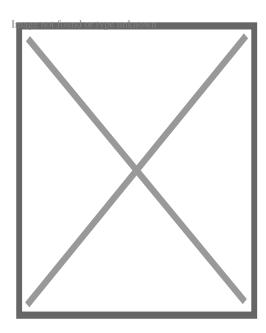
## **About Keypad**



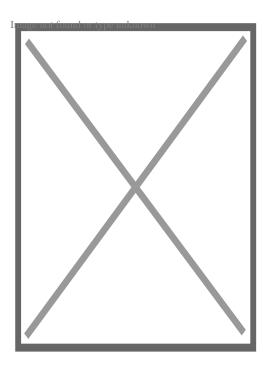
A telephone keypad using the ITU E.161 standard.



Numeric keypad, integrated with a computer keyboard



A calculator



1984 flier for projected capacitance keypad

A **keypad** is a block or pad of buttons set with an arrangement of digits, symbols, or alphabetical letters. Pads mostly containing numbers and used with computers are numeric keypads. Keypads are found on devices which require mainly numeric input such as calculators, television remotes, push-button telephones, vending machines, ATMs, point of sale terminals, combination locks, safes, and digital door locks. Many devices follow the E.161 standard for their arrangement.

#### **Uses and functions**

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A computer keyboard usually has a small numeric keypad on the side, in addition to the other number keys on the top, but with a calculator-style arrangement of buttons that allow more efficient entry of numerical data. This number pad (commonly abbreviated to numpad) is usually positioned on the right side of the keyboard because most people are right-handed.

Many laptop computers have special function keys that turn part of the alphabetical keyboard into a numerical keypad as there is insufficient space to allow a separate

keypad to be built into the laptop's chassis. Separate external plug-in keypads can be purchased.

Keypads for the entry of PINs and for product selection appear on many devices including ATMs, vending machines, point of sale payment devices, time clocks, combination locks and digital door locks.

## **Keypad technologies**

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Apart from mechanical keypads, [1][2][3] there are a wide range of technologies that can be used as keypads, each with distinctive advantages and disadvantages. These include Resistive, [4] Capacitive, [5] Inductive, [6] Piezoelectric, [7] and Optical. [8]

## **Key layout**

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Further information: Telephone keypad § Layout

The first key-activated mechanical calculators and many cash registers used "parallel" keys with one column of 0 to 9 for each position the machine could use. A smaller, 10-key input first started on the Standard Adding Machine in 1901. [9] The calculator had the digit keys arranged in one row, with zero on the left, and 9 on the right. The modern four-row arrangement debuted with the Sundstrand Adding Machine in 1911. [10]

There is no standard for the layout of the four arithmetic operations, the decimal point, equal sign or other more advanced mathematical functions on the keypad of a calculator.

The invention of the push-button telephone keypad is attributed to John E. Karlin, an industrial psychologist at Bell Labs in Murray Hill, New Jersey. [11][12] On a telephone keypad, the numbers 1 through 9 are arranged from left to right, top to bottom with 0 in a row below 789 and in the center. Telephone keypads also have the special buttons

labelled \* (star) and # (octothorpe, number sign, "pound", "hex" or "hash") on either side of the zero key. The keys on a telephone may also bear letters which have had several auxiliary uses, such as remembering area codes or whole telephone numbers.

The layout of calculators and telephone number pads diverged because they developed at around the same time. The phone layout was determined to be fastest by Bell Labs testing for that application, and at the time it controlled all the publicly connected telephones in the United States.

## Origin of the order difference

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Although calculator keypads pre-date telephone keypads by nearly thirty years, the top-to-bottom order for telephones was the result of research studies conducted by a Bell Labs Human Factors group led by John Karlin. They tested a variety of layouts including a Facit like the two-row arrangement, buttons in a circle, buttons in an arc, and rows of three buttons.[11] The definitive study was published in 1960: "Human Factor Engineering Studies of the Design and Use of Pushbutton Telephone Sets" by R. L. Deininger.[13][14] This study concluded that the adopted layout was best, and that the calculator layout was about 3% slower than the adopted telephone keypad.

Despite the conclusions obtained in the study, there are several popular theories and folk histories explaining the inverse order of telephone and calculator keypads.

- One popular theory suggests that the reason is similar to that given for the QWERTY layout, the unfamiliar ordering slowed users to accommodate the slow switches of the late 1950s and early 1960s.<sup>[15]</sup>
- Another explanation proposed is that at the time of the introduction of the telephone keypad, telephone numbers in the United States were commonly given out using alphabetical characters for the first two digits. Thus 555-1234 would be given out as KL5-1234. These alpha sequences were mapped to words. "27" was given out as "CRestview", "28" as "ATwood", etc. By placing the "1" key in the upper

left, the alphabet was arranged in the normal left-to-right descending order for English characters. Additionally, on a rotary telephone, the "1" hole was at the top, albeit at the top right.

## Keypad track design

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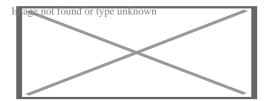


Figure 1. Keypad wiring methods: separate connections (left), x/y multiplexing (center), Charlieplexing (right).

# Separate connections

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A mechanically-switched 16-key keypad can be connected to a host through 16 separate connecting leads, plus a ground lead (Figure 1, left). Pressing a key will short to ground, which is detected by the host. This design allows any number or combination of keys can be pressed simultaneously. Parallel-in serial-out shift registers may be used to save I/O pins.

# X/Y multiplexing

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See also: Keyboard matrix circuit

These 16 + 1 leads can be reduced to just 8 by using x/y multiplexing (Figure 1, center). A 16-key keypad uses a 4 × 4 array of 4 I/O lines as outputs and 4 as inputs. A circuit is completed between an output and an input when a key is pressed. Each individual keypress creates a unique signal for the host. If required, and if the processor allows, two keys can be pressed at the same time without ambiguity. Adding diodes in series with each key prevents key ghosting, allowing multiple simultaneous presses.

# Charlieplexing

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Main article: Charlieplexing

8 leads can detect many more keys if tri-state multiplexing (Figure 1, right) is used instead, which enables  $(n-1) \times (n/2)$  keys to be detected with just n I/O lines. 8 I/O can detect 28 individual keys without ambiguity. Issues can occur with some combinations if two keys are pressed simultaneously. If diodes are used, then the number of unique keys detectable is doubled. [ $^{16}$ ]

#### See also

[edit]

- Arrow keys
- o Charlieplexing
- Digital door lock
- Keyboard (computing)
- Keyboard matrix circuit
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## **About Torsion spring**

A torsion springtime is a spring that functions by turning its end along its axis; that is, an adaptable elastic things that shops power when it is turned. When it is turned, it exerts a torque in the opposite direction, symmetrical to the quantity (angle) it is turned. There are different types: A torsion bar is a straight bar of steel or rubber that goes through twisting (shear tension) regarding its axis by torque applied at its ends. An even more fragile kind used in delicate instruments, called a torsion fiber consists of a fiber of silk, glass, or quartz under tension, that is twisted regarding its axis. A helical torsion springtime, is a steel pole or cable in the form of a helix (coil) that undergoes twisting regarding the axis of the coil by sideways pressures (flexing minutes) applied to its ends, twisting the coil tighter. Clocks utilize a spiral wound torsion springtime (a type of helical torsion spring where the coils are around each other as opposed to accumulated) often called a "clock springtime" or informally called a mainspring. Those kinds of torsion springs are also utilized for attic staircases, clutches, typewriters and other devices that require near constant torque for big angles or perhaps numerous changes.

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