

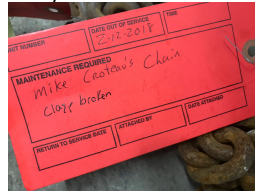


Out of Service Equipment

In our industry we have a large variety of equipment at every jobsite. For the most part we know if something is broken we can't work with it and we either toss it or have it fixed so we can move on with our task. However some equipment we don't think so much about and we just toss it aside and forget about it as we move on to the next item. This can be a major safety and health risk as the next person to come along may not notice the item has a defect or is damaged. When you have a safety critical item such as a

Chain, strap, life line, cable, ladder, ext.. you need to ensure that the item is taken out of service not only from yourself but for others as well. To ensure this happens be sure to "TAG" the item with an "OUT OF SERVICE" tag, this is a red tag with black lettering on it that can be secured to the item until it is fixed or properly disposed of. Ensure that the tag is placed where it will be easily seen by anyone trying to use the item. Be sure to write your name, date and what is

wrong with the item so that others can see the issue and those charged with fixing the issues know what they need to do. If the item is so broken it can't be fixed rather than tagging it break the item all the way so it's not



usable and throw it away. Never through away a broken item that is not broken all the way as someone might mistake it for being ok to use.

When is something OOS

Any equipment that there is a question of whether it's ok to remain in service should be taken out until it has been checked over and cleared to return to service by the proper

authorities. If you notice a defect, broken part of the item, bend, fray, or anything else that is not normal with the item's wear and tear you need to remove

the item from service until it can be fixed or deemed broken and replaced.

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Safety News



GOOD SAFETY HABITS

Worker cutting rebar with demo saw was using mask, glasses combo.

Good head up by operator to see contract was working behind his machine



BAD SAFETY HABITS

Hole more than 5 feet deep with unknown bottom was left open. This presents a fall hazard and requires a warning system.

Cab open on machine when working with concrete slab. This is a silica violation.