

FAASTeam Maintenance Safety Tip

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Danger or Warning Tags

These simple, cheap little items are designed for one thing and one thing only. That is, to prevent component damage but more importantly, injury or death to you or your fellow maintenance technicians. However, it is astonishing how often they are ignored.

Danger or warning tags can be ignored two ways. First is failure to install them and secondly, failure to adhere to them. Their use is often included or mandated in a myriad of maintenance procedures. In most cases their use is preceded by a “WARNING” message.

Comply with the procedures, warnings, and cautions. Affix them to switches, controls, circuit breakers as instructed in the manual. Even if their use is not required by the procedures, think about the systems you are about to work on. If there is a remote chance of danger, install them. It's cheap insurance to keep you or someone else from being maimed or killed. It would be tough to live with, if you had to tell your best friend's family that you were responsible for the injury or death of their spouse or dad.

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