



Safety Alert

Hazard: Manual Handling during Wheel Maintenance

A tyre serviceman sustained a fracture to his lower leg while attempting to break the bead on a 2900 rim/tyre assembly.

At the time a crowbar was in use to lever the rim flange to allow spacer washers to be inserted to permit the introduction of a hydraulic bead breaker tool.

The serviceman applied downward pressure on the crowbar, it dislodged from the pry-pocket on the rim base and he lost his balance. As he twisted to regain his balance, he sustained a fracture to his lower leg.

Tyre maintenance work involves lifting, pushing, pulling etc. and we need to be mindful of the risks through any manual handling activity: Specifically...

- When exerting any manual force (lifting, pushing, pulling etc.) the person needs to position him or her self to maintain full balance should the tool or work piece slip or move away.
- Also, PPE footwear must be in good condition and provide firm ankle support. Check the grip of your shoe soles for wear.

For your own safety, please observe the above points.

Stay safe

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