



Safety Alert & Standing Order

Hazard Alert: Tyre Handler Safety

Incident: A tyre serviceman was fitting a wheel to a truck using a tyre handler machine. After positioning the wheel vertically on the hub, he alighted from the tyre handler to check the fitment.

As he was standing between the arms of the manipulator, the tyre handler slowly crept forwards despite the handbrake having been applied.

This near miss could have resulted in injury of the serviceman.

Solution: To access the work area in front of tyre hand while gripping/manipulating a tyre/wheel, **the following controls will be adopted at all Klinge sites.**

1. Before entering the direct work area in front of the tyre handler, ensure that the tyre is **adequately and securely clamped** in the jaws of the tyre handler.
2. **Ensure that the work is performed on flat even ground – ensure the tyre handler does not sit in any type of drain while the work is being performed.**
3. Ensure the park brake is applied. Park brakes must be tested regularly to ensure they hold firm.
4. **In addition, Wheel Chocks are to be placed in front of and behind one front tyre to eliminate any movement of the machine.**
5. Ensure area free of trip hazards eg tools.
6. Ensure that tyre handler arms are free of oil/grease or mud.
7. Ensure good lighting of immediate work area.

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