

**DEPARTMENT MINERAL RESOURCES
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REPORT OF A FATAL ACCIDENT

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INTRODUCTION

The now deceased was talking to two of his colleagues while standing next to a truck tyre lying on the ground when the tyre burst and threw him about a meter away. He passed away while first aid was rendered to him.

DESCRIPTION

The site manager instructed the team to clean out the container used as a store and send all the material in the store back to the workshop. The site manager saw the truck tyre on the floor. He instructed them to remove it with all other material that did not belong there.

When the mechanic picked the tyre up to roll it outside, they noticed a bulge on the side of the tyre. The site manager told the mechanic to deflate the tyre because it looked dangerous and it could burst during handling.

They left everything outside the store that needed to be moved to the workshop including the tyre. The site manager left the site and the mechanic carried on with other work until change of shift.

A front-end loader operator and a service truck operator came in on the afternoon shift with the now deceased. After the pre-shift meeting and inspections, the now deceased was standing next to the tyre that was taken out of the store talking to his colleagues. The tyre burst and threw the now deceased a meter away from where the tyre was lying and the tyre fell about three meters away. The now deceased apparently died as a result of the tyre bursting and the possible air blast.

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