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Your Safety Matters

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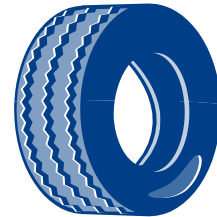
Properly Instruct & Train

A recent prosecution in the NSW Industrial Court illustrates the need to train and instruct employees about workplace hazards in their area of the workplace even though they will not be required to do the hazardous work.

An employee at a tyre service company was instructed to inspect a truck tyre and report back on its condition.



Instead of carrying out this order the employee attempted to take the tyre off the truck and work on it. However he had not been trained on working on a truck tyre and it exploded and he was killed.



The judge fined the tyre company \$85,000. He decided that;

- > the tyre service company had **failed to provide a safe system** of work
- > had **not properly instructed and trained** the employee on the risks of working on a tyre
- > had **not provided sufficient supervision.**



The Judge also added that safe work systems have to take into account the possibility that a worker may be careless, inattentive or foolhardy.

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