



HAZARD ALERT TIRE BLOW-OUT



On February 21, 2006 two miners were injured when the front left drive tire failed on the Caterpillar Model 14G Road-Grader. The tire had been the subject of a slow leak and the equipment had been brought to the shop area for repairs. While standing at the tire, it blew-out, causing injuries to 2 of the 3 miners who were hit by the debris and concussion. One miner sustained a bruise to an artery and was held in the hospital for observation. The other injured miner received injuries to his eyes from the flying debris.

It could not be determined how long this condition had existed and the large cut was not seen by the operator during his examination.

Best Practice: Frequently examine the tires of mobile equipment, rotating the tires to check the bottom area. If a defect is observed notify your supervisor and have the necessary repairs completed. Always wear safety glasses while on mine property to assure protection from debris.

