

TIRE SAFETY

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For the second time in the last few months a West Virginia miner has been seriously injured while attempting to remove a rock lodged between tandem wheels on a coal haulage truck. The miner in each case was attempting to dislodge the rock by striking it with a hammer when the accident occurred. The tires exploded hurling the rocks toward the miners with great force.

All persons who may at some time be required to perform such a task must be reminded to deflate the tires before any attempt is made to dislodge a rock from between tandem wheels. The miners in each accident could easily have been killed.