

Safety Alert

From the LEG HSE Department

Tire Safety and Pressure Awareness....

In 2017, drivers in the United States put more than 3.2 trillion miles on their tires.

In that same year 738 people were killed by tire related crashes.

Many of these crashes can be prevented through proper tire maintenance, like tire inflation and rotation. Understanding tire labels, tire aging, recalls and complaints will also help prevent tire related incidents. LEG team members travel all the time. The safety of our employees is our greatest responsibility.

- ❖ Have your tires checked annually, for rubber breakdown. This disintegration is accelerated by sunlight and heat (which we get more than our share in South Texas).
- ❖ Vehicles made after 2007 have a Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) that alerts drivers when the tire pressure is about 25% below where it should be, for safe operation.
- ❖ According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1 in 4 vehicles have at least one tire that is significantly underinflated. LEG's fleet is about 850+ equipment. Aligning that statistic means there are 213 potential tire related crashes in the time ahead!
- ❖ Excessive speed, under inflation, or excessive loading can cause heat buildup and possible tire failure.

PREVENTION! DETER! DODGE! ANTICIPATE! AVOIDANCE! is the plan!



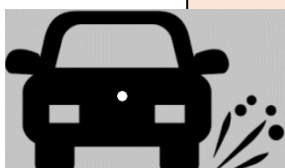
Tires lose about 1 psi of pressure each month. Check them regularly.



Inspect and measure your tire tread. Check the tire sidewalls to make sure there are no gauges, cuts, bulges, or other irregularities. If tread depth is at 4/32 tell your supervisor.



Your vehicle has a specific tire pressure that will give you the best gas mileage, handling, and tire life. It is written on the door jam of the driver side.



If you have a tire blow out on the road...

- 1) Take your foot off the accelerator
- 2) Gently apply the breaks
- 3) Steer straight ahead/Turn on, the Emergency Lights (flashers)
- 4) Safely pull the vehicle off the road
- 5) Call for assistance