



Yukon Workers'  
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**Preliminary Findings  
into the November 15, 2011 Workplace Fatality at  
Integra Tire**



**PURPOSE:**

These initial findings are being released to provide information about the direct causes of this fatality. It is hoped that providing this information will encourage others to review these causes and examine their own workplaces to ensure similar conditions either do not exist or, if they do, are immediately corrected.

**INTRODUCTION:**

On November 15, 2011 at approximately 3:30 pm, an Integra Tire worker was performing work on a tri-axle tractor (transport truck) when he suffered severe crush injuries after the vehicle was set into motion.

The worker had informed his supervisor that work on the vehicle was complete and it was ready for pick up. He also advised that he was going to do one final check before the vehicle owner came to pick the vehicle up. The vehicle owner, North 60 Petro Ltd, was called to come and get the vehicle.

When a North 60 Petro Ltd worker arrived, the vehicle was idling. The worker climbed into the vehicle and drove away. The worker for Integra Tire was partially under the vehicle when it drove away, resulting in the worker suffering severe crush injuries.

**DIRECT CAUSES:**

Preliminary findings indicate that the direct cause of this fatality was the vehicle being put in motion while a worker was underneath the vehicle. The vehicle had not been locked out or secured against inadvertent movement, which allowed the operator to put the vehicle into motion.



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## **PREVENTION:**

The Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board reminds all workplace parties – employers, supervisors, workers and contractors – that prior to commencing any work they are required to assess all the hazards that workers must deal with, then design and implement appropriate measures to reduce the risk of injury.

Whenever a worker is working on a piece of machinery or equipment, that equipment must be appropriately locked out and secured to prevent the inadvertent transfer of energy that could result in injury to a worker.

Vehicle operators are reminded that they must inspect all mobile equipment prior to putting the equipment into operation. Vehicle inspections must include a complete walk around to ensure that the equipment is safe to operate and that there are no unusual hazards present.

Employers are required to develop and implement safe work practices and procedures for all activities that present a hazard to workers. Lock out and vehicle inspection procedures need to be clearly documented.

Employers are also required to provide all workers with training in the safe work practices and procedures that apply to their work. This training must be documented and include follow up to ensure the practices and procedures are being followed by workers and provide an appropriate level of safety.