

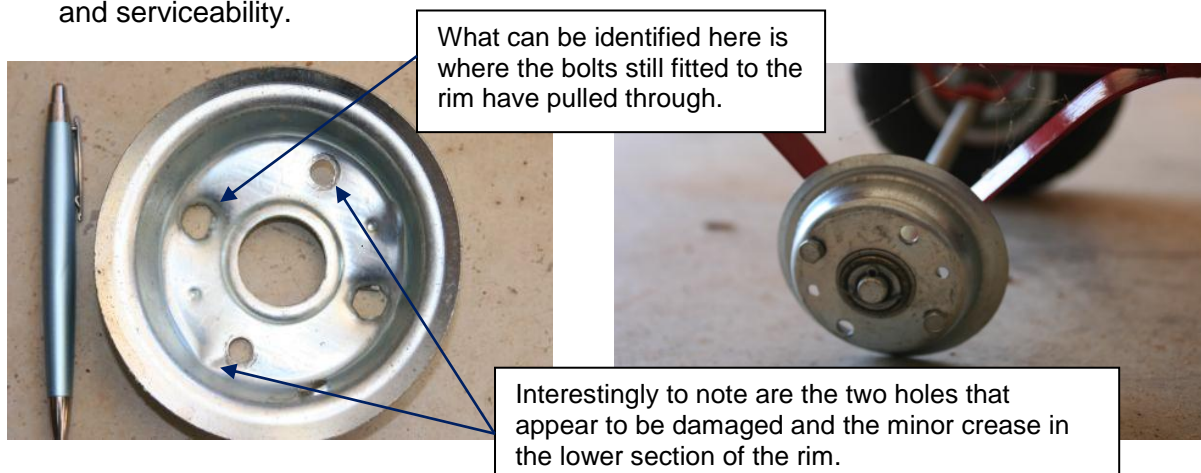
Safety Alert

Incident: A council worker was seriously injured whilst using an air compressor to inflate a small tyre on a sack trolley which are common in most workplaces. The trolley rims have blown apart due to what appears over inflation. The worker received serious injuries to his right index finger. The incident had potential for a fatal outcome.



Key Learning Outcomes:

- Replace the inflation tyres with a hard rubber tyre.
- Inflate tyres with low volume hand pump rather than a mechanical pump.
- Conduct a Risk Assessment or compile a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) prior to commencing the inflation of tyres.
- It is essential to ensure that the proper equipment is used when inflating the tyres. Staff should be wearing leather safety boots, leather gloves and eye protection when undertaking this task.
- Conduct a formal risk assessment prior to commencing the task to ensure that all hazards and risks have been considered and are controlled using the hierarchy of controls.
- Ensure that staff are trained in the inspection of equipment to determine suitability and serviceability.



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