



SAFETY MEMO

To: Canfor Woodlands Staff, All Contractors and Consultants Date: September 7, 2007
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Subject: **Safety Hazard Alert - Re-torque of Lug Nuts after Tire Changes** File:

Safety Hazard Alert

On August 17, 2007 a Canfor Pickup was being driven home on the Northwood Pulpmill Road. As the employee was driving the rear driver's side tire came off the truck. The lost tire continued down the road, rolling into the oncoming traffic lane for approximately 100m then ended up crossing the road and bouncing into the ditch. Luckily no other accidents occurred as a result of the tire rolling into oncoming traffic.

The tire had been changed approximately 3 weeks prior (roughly 2000-3000km since the tire change). The lug nuts had not been re-torqued at any time since the initial tire change.

After further investigation and discussions with local tire shops, the following actions have been instituted to prevent a recurrence in the future:

1. Reinforce with all staff the standard tire shop policy that all vehicles must have lug nuts re-torqued within 150km after any tire change made at a tire shop.
2. Canfor PG Woodlands has instituted a policy that employees must retorquer lug nuts within 25 km of any tire change that has been completed by employees in the bush or on the highway.
3. Reinforce the need for all Woodlands Staff to immediately take their vehicle into the automotive repair shop if vibrations cannot be fixed by retorquing.

Please review this hazard alert with all staff and contractors.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

UNSAFE IS UNACCEPTABLE