

COMPRESSED AIR KILLS

Man killed by exploding tire

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A Castroville man was fatally injured when a tire he was inflating exploded on Friday afternoon. Antonio Cortez, 50, was putting air into a tire at the Castroville Chevron station shortly after 1.30pm, investigator Michael Burns of the Coroner's Office said.

The tire was in the bed of Cortez' small pick-up when it suddenly burst near his chest. Burns said "Cortez collapsed and responding fire-fighters and paramedics took him by ambulance to Salinas Valley memorial Hospital, where he died in the emergency room."

Force of compressed air caused fatal injuries. An autopsy found that Cortez was fatally injured from the blunt force chest and abdominal injuries, caused by the release of compressed air, the Coroner's Office reported.

This news report from America illustrates how dangerous compressed air can be without adequate safety measures.

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All employers have a duty to provide safety equipment to protect their employees/the public and avoid what could be very expensive litigation, personal injury claims, fines and a possible jail sentence for the directors of the company.

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The photograph shows the effectiveness of the **Bag-it™** in containing a 150 p.s.i. explosion.



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