

Off-the-Job Safetygram

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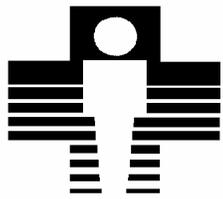
Beware of Aerosol Cans!



Do you keep WD-40, hair spray, Off, Fix-A-Flat, etc. in your vehicle? If so, you might want to reconsider. The picture above is of a pressurized can that exploded in a person's vehicle and imbedded itself in the back seat of the car. The temperature outside of the closed up vehicle was about 100 degrees F. What if you or a loved one had been sitting in that seat? Do any of your family members keep aerosol cans in their vehicles? If they do, please pass this warning along to them!

The incident pictured on the next page happened at a refinery in Beaumont. A deodorant spray can was left in the back of the vehicle that was parked in an open space in the middle of a hot, sunny day.

Without warning, the can exploded inside the car. Fortunately, no one was inside or near the car when it happened.



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Lesson:

- ❑ Do **NOT** leave pressurized containers (of any kind) in your vehicle where they can be exposed to sunlight!
- ❑ You should always read and follow the manufacturer's safety recommendations that come with the can.
- ❑ Reporting incidents such as this can help inform personnel of possible risks and dangers both inside and outside the workplace!

