

# OBSERVE AND COACH

## BEAD BREAKER

Employee completely deflates the tire before breaking the bead. Employee uses a light touch on the handle and does not force the bead breaker.



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### For each **SAFE** observation

1. Praise the employee for executing this **CRITICAL TO SAFETY** Best Practice
2. Remind the employee about the benefits of safely using bead breaker
  - ! Less stress on equipment when assembly is fully deflated. An aired down tire breaks much quieter
  - ! Reduced fatigue on hand and arm when allowing the machine to do its job without forcing it
  - ! Less chance for injury from recoil

### For each **AT RISK** observation

1. Use the information below to help coach the employee:
  - ! Completely airing down the assembly before breaking the bead is a **CRITICAL TO SAFETY** Best Practice. Which means it MUST be used every time
  - ! In 2021, bead breaker related injuries resulted in **607** light duty days!
    - ! **Average hand injury cost 2021—\$1,066**
  - ! Lacerations and contusions to the hand and sprains and strains to the wrist can occur when the bead breaker shovel rebounds after breaking a hard to break bead
  - ! Using a light touch, completely deflating the assembly and not forcing the bead breaker will prevent injuries and reduce equipment down time