

# Safety-Gram

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### Please Give Me a Brake!

*Before and during haulage operations, each brake system needs to be evaluated by the equipment operator for proper function. Any deviation from normal operation must be corrected.*



**Title 45 Section 913.2** “Equipment defects affecting safety shall be corrected before the equipment is used.”

**Title 45 Section 913.3** “Powered mobile equipment shall be provided with adequate brakes.”

**Title 45 Section 913.7** “Trucks, shuttle cars and front-end loaders shall be equipped with emergency brakes separate and independent of the regular braking system.”

**Title 45 Section 913.25** “Mobile equipment shall not be left unattended unless the brakes are set. The wheels shall be turned into a bank or wall, or shall be blocked, when such equipment is parked on a grade.”

- Be sure your equipment’s braking system is adequate and well-maintained. Check the braking systems on the equipment frequently and immediately repair or replace worn systems.
- When mobile equipment is unattended, place the controls in the Park position and set the parking brake. Use wheel chocks of the appropriate size and material to hold the equipment securely, especially when stopped on a grade or in adverse weather conditions.
- The life you save could be your own or one of your co-workers!