

Haulage Safety Attitude



Best Practice Series BP-4

Every miner who operates a surface haulage machine needs to develop a **Zero Compromise Toward Safety** attitude.

You should not tolerate unsafe mechanical or operational conditions that could jeopardize your safety on or around the haulage equipment you are operating.

Here are some attitudes (philosophies) that successful surface haulage operations have tried and proved to be "Best Practices." Some may require a lot of intensive preparation, time, resources, and training to adapt to your location. You may be doing some or parts of them now, and some you may not be able to use.

- Promptly report unusual noises, conditions, actions, etc., to your supervisor to reduce the chance of equipment failure.
- You have the legal right to have conditions hazardous to yourself and others corrected.
- You must ensure that the haulage machine being used is mechanically ready to operate.
- Your knowledge of (and ability to interpret) the performance of your vehicle helps you to operate it safely.
- Safety and maintenance related pre- and post-operational checklists are ideal tools to report hazardous safety conditions.
- Watch for and report hazardous conditions on and around haulage roadways.
- Keep the cab of the machine clean and orderly for the next operator.

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