

(b) The provisions of this subtitle governing hoisting or haulage apply where hoists are used for handling persons in underground slopes, pitching beds, or on slopes among two or more beds. A permissible trip light shall be used on the rear of trips pulled, or pushed by a locomotive, on the rope-end car of trips pulled up slopes, and on the front of trips lowered into slopes or pushed. Trip lights need not be used during gathering operations at working faces.

(c) Pushing a car on a main haulage road is prohibited, except if necessary to push it from sidetracks to a producing entry, or to clear switches and sidetracks, and on the approach to a cage.

(d) Back-poling is prohibited except at a place where the trolley pole cannot be reversed or when going up an extremely steep grade at a very slow speed.

(e) No person, except a motorman and trip rider, may ride on a locomotive unless authorized by the mine foreman. A person may not ride on a loaded car or between cars on any trip, except that the trip rider shall ride only the front or rear end of the trip. Motormen and brakemen may not get on or off cars, trips, or locomotives while in motion. However, a brakeman may get on or off the rear end of a slowly moving trip to throw a switch or close a door.]

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(a) Any trip and any traffic equipment shall come to a complete stop before couplings are made by hand, unless a coupling hook is used. Standing cars on any track, unless held effectively by brakes, shall be properly blocked or spragged. Cars shall be secured effectively at working faces.

(b) There shall be a positive-acting stopblock, at or above the knuckle, and a derail on slopes and planes having a knuckle. On entries going to the rise, a positive stopblock or derail shall be placed by the switch of the first active working place. On entries going to the dip, a positive-acting stopblock or derail shall be placed by the switch to the first active working place, and a stopblock shall be placed by the switch of the last active working place.

(c) If coal is not being loaded, but persons are working at a room or entry face, a positive-acting stopblock or derail shall be placed across the room or entry track, or the room switch shall be kept closed to prevent cars from being inadvertently pushed from or running into the place.

(d) Slides, skids, or other adequate means shall be used on descending trips on grades if the locomotive is not adequate to control the trip. If feasible, a drag shall be used on ascending trips. Materials being hauled inside the mine shall be loaded and protected so there is no danger to