

## Safety-Gram Title 45, Chapter 11



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## BERM SAFETY!!

Haul Road Berm Requirements: Section 913-(30) – Berms shall be provided to prevent over travel and overturning at dumping locations.

- Berms or guards are required on outer bank of elevated roadways.
- Berms must be capable of stopping & holding (restraining) the largest vehicle in use; or deflecting the out-of-control vehicle back onto the road.

Q: Where is a Safety Berm required?

A: On elevated roadways where a drop-off hazard could cause an accident.



## Safety Berms Protect Miners & Mine Equipment

## 3 Factors for Berm Height:

- 1. Size of vehicles.
  - 2. Speed of vehicles.
    - 3. Grade of ramp or road how steep?



- Certified foreman must inspect haul roads & safety berms during pre-shift inspections of pit, plant, & stockpiles.
- Mobile equipment operators must check berms upon arrival at work areas.
- Properly constructed & maintained berms protect company assets; employees and equipment.



Will these do the job?



YES! As long as they are monitored and inspected regularly throughout the workday.