



## GCOR 7.6 SAFETY TIP

**GCOR 7.6 in its entirety is listed below for reference. An in-depth discussion of the entire rule can help to ensure full understanding and compliance by all.**

### 7.6: Securing Cars or Engines

*Do not depend on air brakes to hold a train, engine, or cars in place when left unattended. Apply a sufficient number of hand brakes to prevent movement. If hand brakes are not adequate, block the wheels.*

*When the engine is coupled to a train or cars standing on a grade, do not release the hand brakes until the air brake system is fully charged.*

*When cars are moved from any track, apply enough hand brakes to prevent any remaining cars from moving.*

**Every railroad rule is important. This tip concerns a portion of GCOR 7.6 that is often overlooked:**

***When the engine is coupled to a train or cars standing on a grade, do not release the hand brakes until the air brake system is fully charged.***

This rule, like all others, provides a perfect opportunity for discussion during job safety briefings, safety meetings or other face-to-face communications between manager/employee and employee/employee.

After reading the rule, simple questions could be asked to further discussions:

- What possible scenarios could occur if this rule is not followed?
- Has anyone experienced any incidents, close-calls or near misses during the performance of their duties where adherence to this rule would have reduced the severity of the outcome or eliminated the occurrence completely?