

# HAZARD ALERT

## SAFE PARKING PROCEDURES PREVENT ACCIDENTS

*A tractor-trailer operator was severely injured when he was struck by an off-road rock hauler truck. The truck was left unattended on a ramp without wheel chocks. The truck rolled approximately 23 metres down the ramp before striking the tractor-trailer operator.*

Employers must advise employees of hazards associated with their job [Paragraph 9(2)(b) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*], and, under section 12 of the Act, employees must ensure safe conduct. Operators are required to park on level ground and set the brake when leaving the vehicle unattended [Subsection 230.4(2) of *General Regulation 91-191*]. See other preventive measures below.

### Recommended Preventive Action

- Know the features and how to safely operate the vehicle.
- Be attentive when operating the vehicle.
- Conduct regular pre-use inspections.
- Report hazards immediately and ensure required maintenance.



### When parking, always:

- Position the vehicle parallel to the edge of the ditch, depression or slope.
- Set the hand or park brake before leaving the vehicle.
- Turn off the vehicle, whenever possible.
- In some situations, you may need to chock the wheels to prevent any movement.
- Set up safety cones to mark the work area.

