



Safety recommendation no. 123

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Safety deficit	<p>On 8 June 2016 at 01:30 the coupling point between a service wagon for construction and a railroad excavator became detached between Läuelfingen and the Trimbach stop, the wagon ran away, rolled through Olten railway station, derailed at a set of points on the exit side in the direction of Aarburg/Rohrist and was thereby stopped. No one was injured.</p> <p>The braking regulations for the shunting service allow unbraked vehicles to be used on a railway track with a gradient.</p>
Safety recommendation	The FOT should examine whether the current rules regarding unbraked vehicles in shunting service should be limited to unavoidable situations or whether additional rules might be necessary.
Addressees	Bundesamt für Verkehr
Stage of the implementation	Implemented. Safety recommendation 123, according to which the use of unbraked vehicles in shunting operations must be restricted to unavoidable situations, was adopted by the FOT. As part of the 2020 review of the Swiss Rail Service Regulations RSR, the use of unbraked vehicles in shunting manoeuvres is being analysed jointly with industry and a tightening of regulations is being sought – various formulations are being considered. Additional information: SBB Infrastructure intends as a rule to prohibit the use of unbraked service vehicles on its network from Dec. 2018.
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	Schlussbericht