

# Safety Talk Tuesday

## Destination: Brake Failure

Emergency Braking Facts and Tips for Safer Driving

**Brake Failure is primarily caused by either**

**Hydraulic Pressure Loss**



*How To Prevent:* Properly maintained brakes rarely **lose pressure.**

**Steep Downhill Slopes**



*How To Prevent:* Slow down on **downhill** slopes.

## Downgrade Brake Failure

**RUNAWAY  
TRUCK RAMP** 

Find the nearest **runaway truck ramp**. If one is not available locate a side road that goes uphill or an open field in order to stop with minimal damage.

## If You Lose **Hydraulic Pressure** in your breaks

1. **Down-shift** - This will help the vehicle slow
2. **Pump the brakes** - This can potentially create enough hydraulic pressure to stop your vehicle.
3. **Use the parking brake** If above steps have not caused the vehicle to stop use your **emergency brake**. Pull release lever as you use the brake in order to keep wheels from locking.