

**DIVISION OF MINES GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION OF REGULATORY STANDARDS
MANUAL**

COAL MINE SAFETY ACT	CHAPTER 14.3
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Section 45.1-161.149.

Availability of Mantrips

A mantrip or other equipment suitable for providing reasonable access within a reasonable time will be provided to areas of the mine where miners are working and where transportation is ordinarily provided.

This section does not specify the size of the mantrip or the number of persons it may transport. However, if equipment is suitable for providing access, then it must be appropriate in size to safely transport all personnel.

There is nothing in this section of the MSA which requires a mantrip be left on the working section of a mine at all times. Reasonable time means to be available at normal mantrip time, and located so as to be available for emergency response within fifteen minutes of where miners are working. Personnel may be transported in a scoop that is in the rear position to the direction of travel and which has a locking device to prevent accidental activation of the hydraulic control lever which operates the scoop. Also, if the scoop is equipped with an ejector blade, the control lever for the blade must be locked in neutral.