

# SAFETY ALERT 2006



## Safety Committee News: Early Brake Release -- Don't Do It

You may think that you are doing someone a favor, but you could end up hurting someone else, both literally and figuratively.

**Safety:** If the aircraft moves even an inch, someone on the ground could be seriously injured. This should be reason enough, but if you need more, read on.

**Manning:** If you generate an on-schedule departure when the aircraft or the ramp is not ready, you may be inadvertently covering up manning deficiencies, unrealistic scheduling and/or ramp control problems. We can't get things fixed if we can't document them.

**Your Livelihood:** The company considers this stealing. We have recent evidence that logs are being kept at some stations on early brake releases. If someone gets upset enough to challenge your out time, you could lose your job.

**FMI, Sec. 8.1.2** Do not release brakes until doors are closed and the groundman **and** Ramp/Ground Control have cleared the aircraft to push.