Use \nolbreaks\{\textit{some text}\} to prevent line-breaks in \textit{some text}. This has the advantage over \mbox{ } that glue (rubber space) remains flexible, and can adjust to fit the margins. It has the disadvantage of not working in all cases! Most common situations are handled (in particular, \newline, \linebreak, and \ are disabled) but spaces hidden in macros or \{ \} (braces) can still create break-points.

Large pieces of text with no breaks can cause problems with paragraph justification. Using the alternate \nolbreaks* allows a line before the unbreakable text to be cut short (like ragged-right). Giving the package option \ragged\ converts all \nolbreaks commands to \nolbreaks*.

You should declare \sloppy or set a raised \tolerance in your document when you have large non-breaking chunks.

The command name \nolbreaks is long to type, so you should probably declare a shorter alias name if you use it a lot, like \newcommand\n{\nolbreaks}.

\*This manual corresponds to nolbreaks v1.2, dated 2012/05/31.