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## SAFETY





## Navigating the Hazards of Waste Collection with Smart Safety Steps

Waste collection ranks as one of the most hazardous jobs in the world, underscoring the crucial need for ongoing efforts to reduce injuries and fatalities. Safety starts before your trucks leave the yard, so be sure to implement these safety tips when planning your routes to reduce accidents and injuries.

- ✓ Prioritize Right-Side Route Planning: Ensure route plans allow vehicles to collect on the right side, greatly reducing the threat of workers stepping out into traffic.
- Eliminate Backing: Avoid scenarios necessitating driving in reverse.
- ✓ **Avoid Risky Maneuvers:** Plan routes that minimize, or ideally eliminate, the necessity for U-turns and other perilous maneuvers.

Adopting these safety measures can significantly lower the risk of injury for those in the waste management sector, safeguarding those who keep our communities clean and healthy.



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