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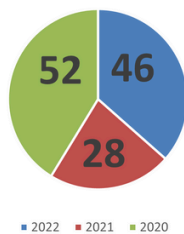
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## Waste Industry Fatalities

Waste Industry Fatalities in the US and Canada  
\*Statistics from SWANA



Waste industry fatalities are on the rise, after declining 2021:

The leading causes of fatalities in the waste industry

- Falling off the truck
- Getting struck by your own truck
- Roll Overs
- Getting struck by a third-party vehicle

Best practices to prevent fatalities:

- Only use the riding step at speeds under 10 MPH and less than 0.2 miles distance
- Know where your coworkers are before backing
- Always wear your seatbelt
- Wear high visibility clothing when actively collecting
- Work on the right side of the vehicle, using the vehicle to shield you from traffic
- Use strobe lights when actively collecting to alert other vehicles of your presence

For more information read the ANSI standards for mobile refuse collection Z245.1 Sections 7.3.2 & 7.4.7.6



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