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## You Are More Than a Number

There were 310 fatalities associated with waste/recycling trucks between 2012 and 2022, which is more than six times the average fatality rate for all industries combined!

Of those fatalities, 74% were traffic related incidents which include pedestrians and collisions involving other vehicles!

These are more than numbers. They are coworkers, friends, or relatives who have experienced a life changing crash. We are in a busy time of the year. Holiday travel, winter break for students, and inclement weather in portions of the United States. It takes discipline and commitment to help reduce the chance of having a life changing crash.

- **Pay Attention** – Focus on the job of driving! Put down the phone and eliminate all other distractions.
- **Buckle Up** – Wearing a properly adjusted seat belt is the primary safety component of any vehicle.
- **Get The Big Picture** – Pay attention for pedestrians or bicyclists because they may not be paying attention to you.
- **Increase Your Following Distance** – During inclement weather the distance to stop can increase dramatically.



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