

Top 3 Causes of Serious Injuries & Fatalities in the Waste & Recycling Industry

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TRANSPORTATION & VEHICLE INCIDENTS

Struck-by and vehicle crashes are the leading cause of fatalities in our industry.

PREVENT BY:



Use distinct audible alarms when backing.



Wear high-visibility apparel when working near traffic.



Never ride on steps when backing.



Stay clear of backing and moving vehicles.

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SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

Uneven surfaces, debris, and wet areas can lead to serious injuries.

PREVENT BY:



Keep walkways clear and use non-slip flooring.



Wear slip-resistant footwear appropriate for your work environment.



Conduct regular site inspections to remove hazards.



Clean up spills and report hazards immediately.

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EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Chemicals and other hazardous materials can cause serious short-term injuries or long-term health effects.

PREVENT BY:



Wear required PPE such as gloves, goggles, and respirators.



Store hazardous materials in properly labeled, secure containers away from work areas.



Provide training on safe handling and emergency response.



Know emergency response procedures.



EVERYONE PLAYS A ROLE IN PREVENTING SERIOUS INJURIES.



Stay alert to hazards.



Use the right PPE.



Follow safe work practices.



Speak up and look out for one another.