

SAFETY MONDAY

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ROLLOVERS

Why do trash trucks roll over? Usually it is due to driver error:


- Turning too quickly
- Sudden lane change or overcorrecting
- Driving with wheels on the edge of the road
- Speed – driving too fast

Several years ago, a company started a “Drop 10” program designed to reduce the frequency of rollovers. Drivers were instructed to drive ten miles per hour below the posted speed limit at all times. The company experienced a substantial reduction in rollovers.

Truck rollovers mean costly repairs to the truck, operational delays, bad publicity and can lead to environmental cleanup costs. It also often results in injuries and, sometimes, fatalities, when a driver is not wearing a safety belt. In 2012, a leading cause of workplace death for collection employees has been a rollover.



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