



SAFETY MONDAY

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Interesting Patterns in Accident Data

A WASTEC member presented interesting new data on garbage truck collisions at WasteExpo to the NSWMA-WASTEC Safety Committee. The data, collected from more than 2,000 event recorders on garbage trucks, revealed:

1. More collisions occur on Monday than any other day of the week.
2. There is a noticeable increase in collisions in October – December.
3. Collisions happen most frequently between 6:00 a.m. – and 1:00 p.m.

Other reports have found the most common types of accidents involving solid waste collection vehicles involve backing, being struck by another vehicle, and rear ending another vehicle.

An important part of reducing accident frequency is understanding what types of accidents your company is having, identifying patterns (certain drivers, time of day, etc.), and providing training and reminders on those issues. Companies that focus on reducing common accidents – and the behaviors that contribute to them – are reducing injuries and saving money, and more importantly, lives.

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