



SAFETY MONDAY

July 30, 2012

Struck By Accidents

Other drivers pose a safety hazards to solid waste collection workers. These other drivers, who are often talking on their cell phones, texting, or distracted for other reasons, continue to drive into garbage trucks and workers with unfortunate frequency.

A pedestrian was killed in Norfolk, Virginia earlier this month. He was struck by a van that was going around a garbage truck. The pedestrian had been chatting with one of the municipal sanitation workers before he attempted to cross the street.

Solid waste collection workers should always:

1. Look both ways before crossing a street
2. Be alert at all times for safety hazards
3. Wear high visibility vests/shirts

Drivers need to watch for traffic in both directions and be prepared to warn helpers if a collision appears likely.



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