



SAFETY MONDAY

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Fall Protection

One of the most common causes of injuries to solid waste employees is falling. There are a wide variety of things that you can fall from if you aren't careful, including:

- The riding step of the truck
- The top of the truck
- Heavy equipment at a transfer station or landfill
- The top of transfer trailers/loading platforms
- A conveyor belt or processing equipment at a recycling facility

Preventing falls requires the right personal protective equipment, using common sense, and following applicable safety rules, including [OSHA's Fall Protection regulations](#) and [ANSI Z245.1](#). This means wearing slip resistant footwear (no sneakers!). It also means not jumping on or off the riding step when the truck is moving, using the proper equipment when performing maintenance, and watching where you are going at all times.

Several workers have died over the past year due to preventable falls from the top of the truck and the riding step! Don't join them. Pay attention to fall protection issues in your daily activities

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